

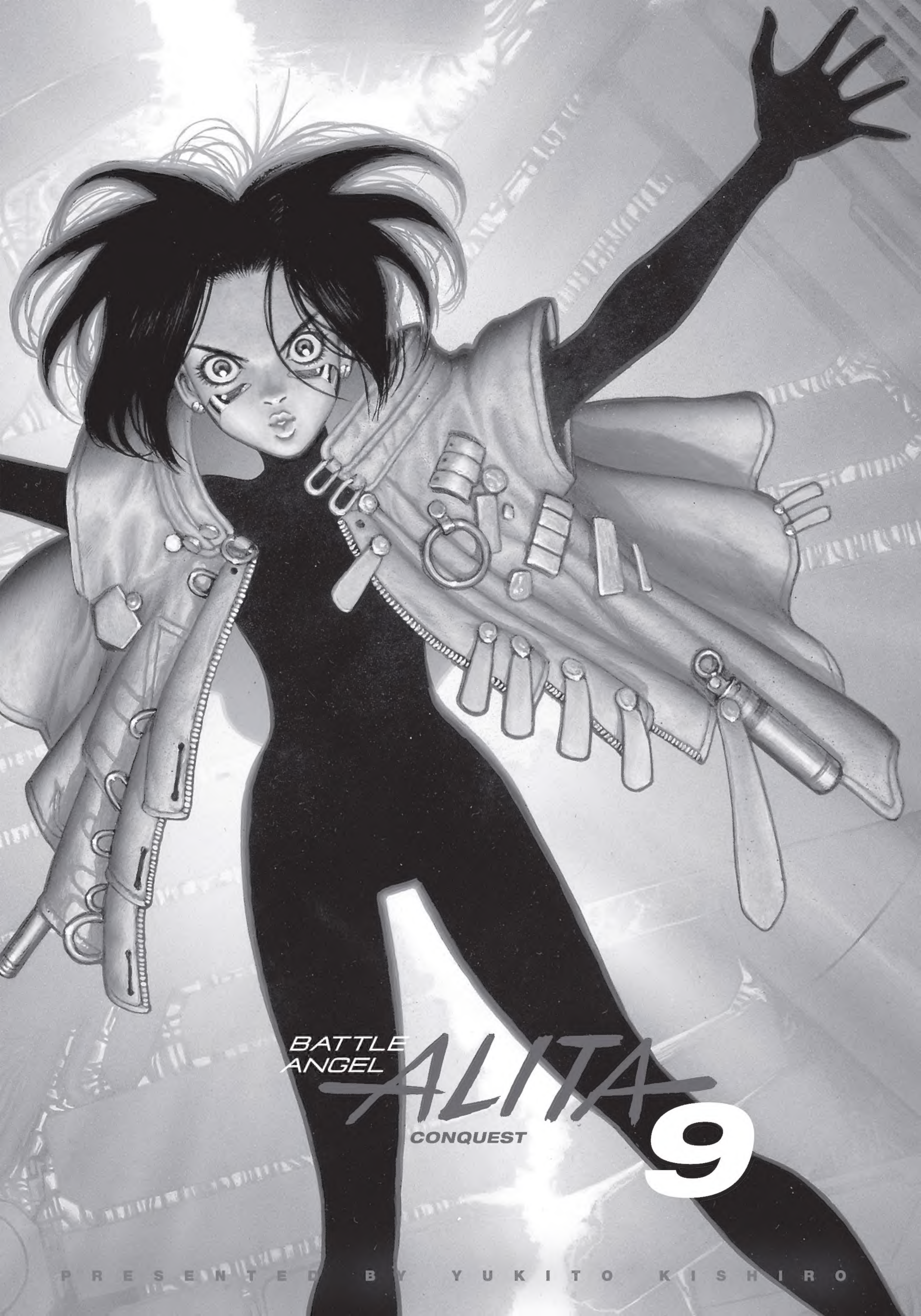
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BATTLE
ANGEL

ALITA



YUKITO
KISHIRO



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ALITA

CONQUEST

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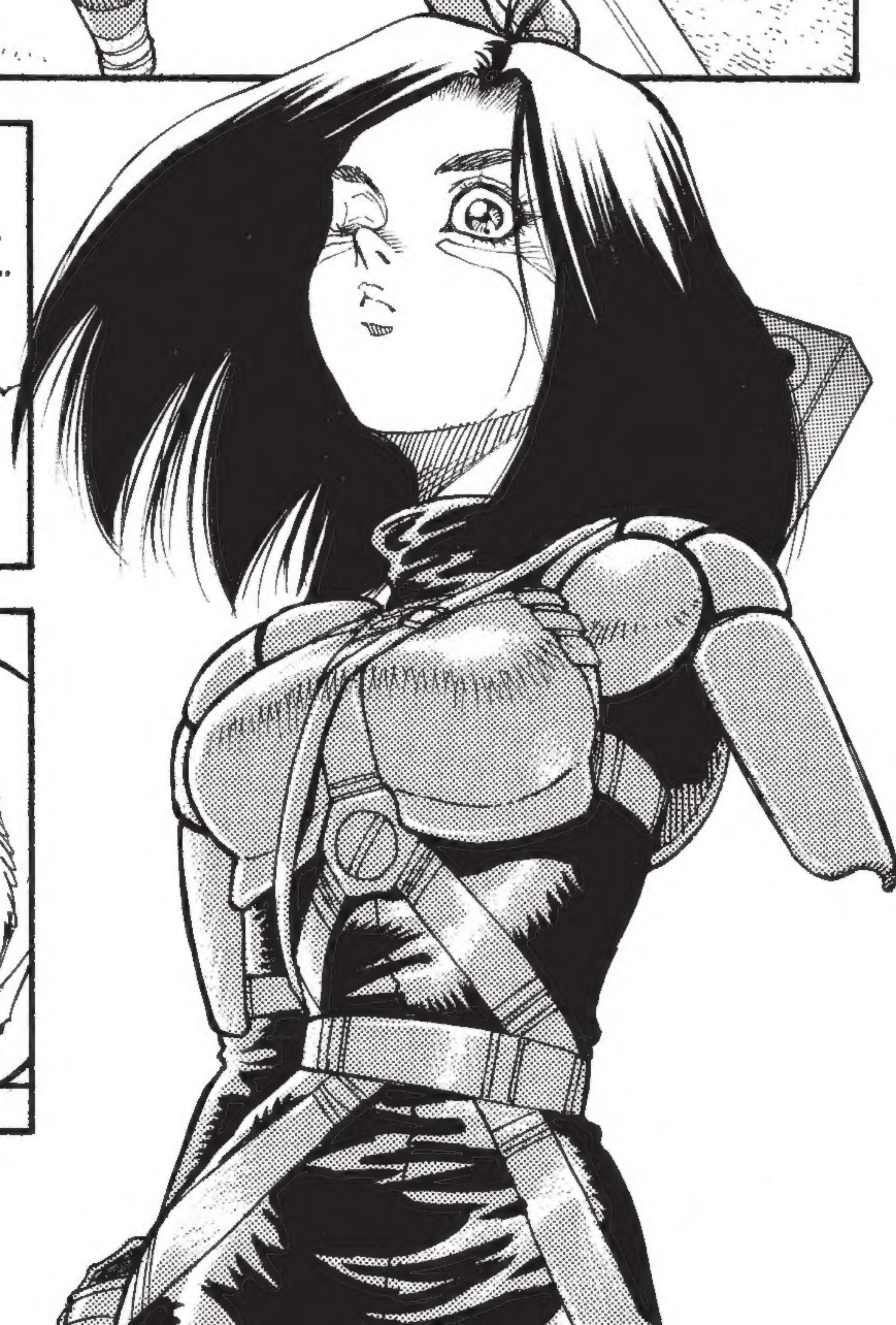
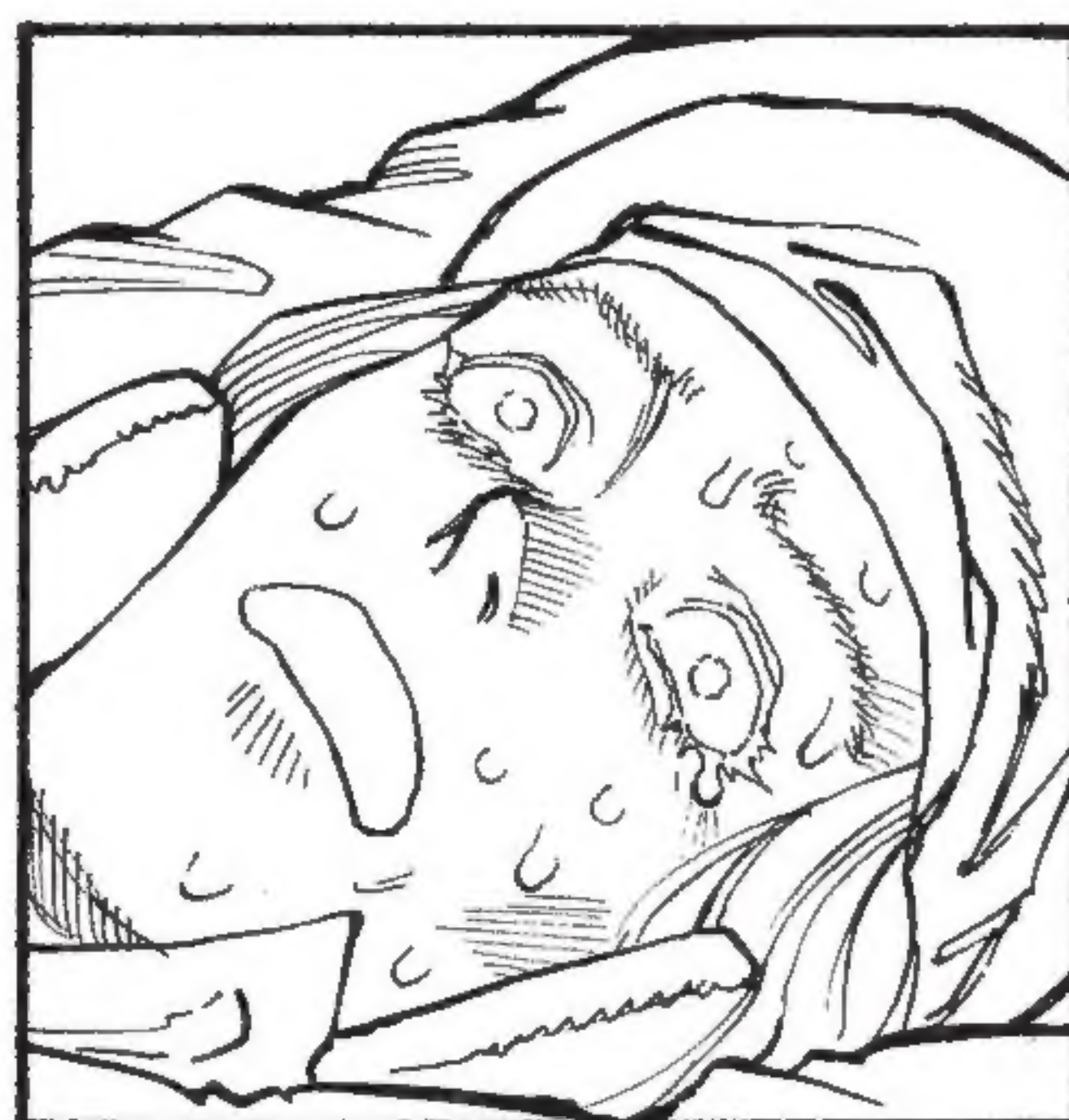
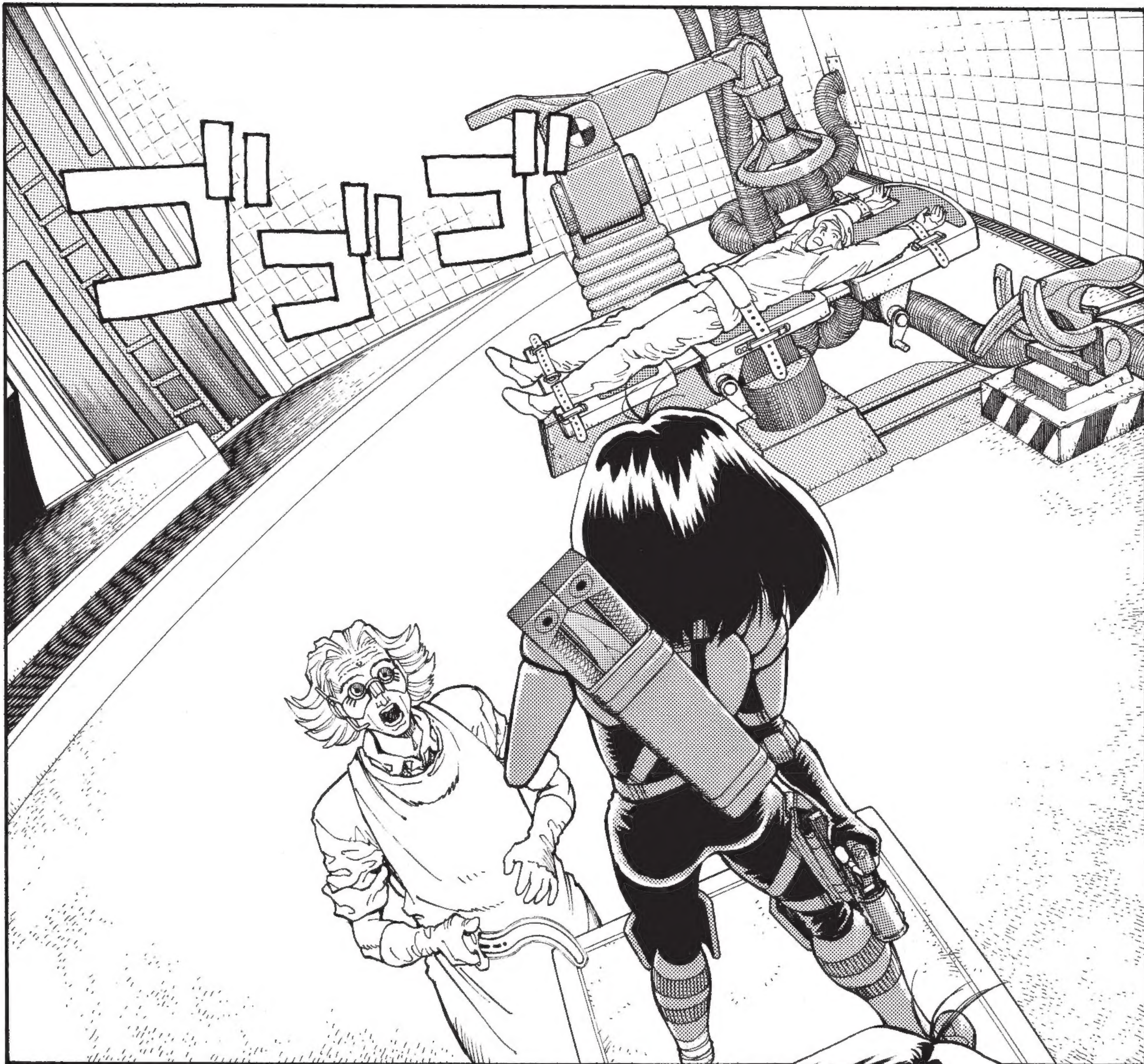
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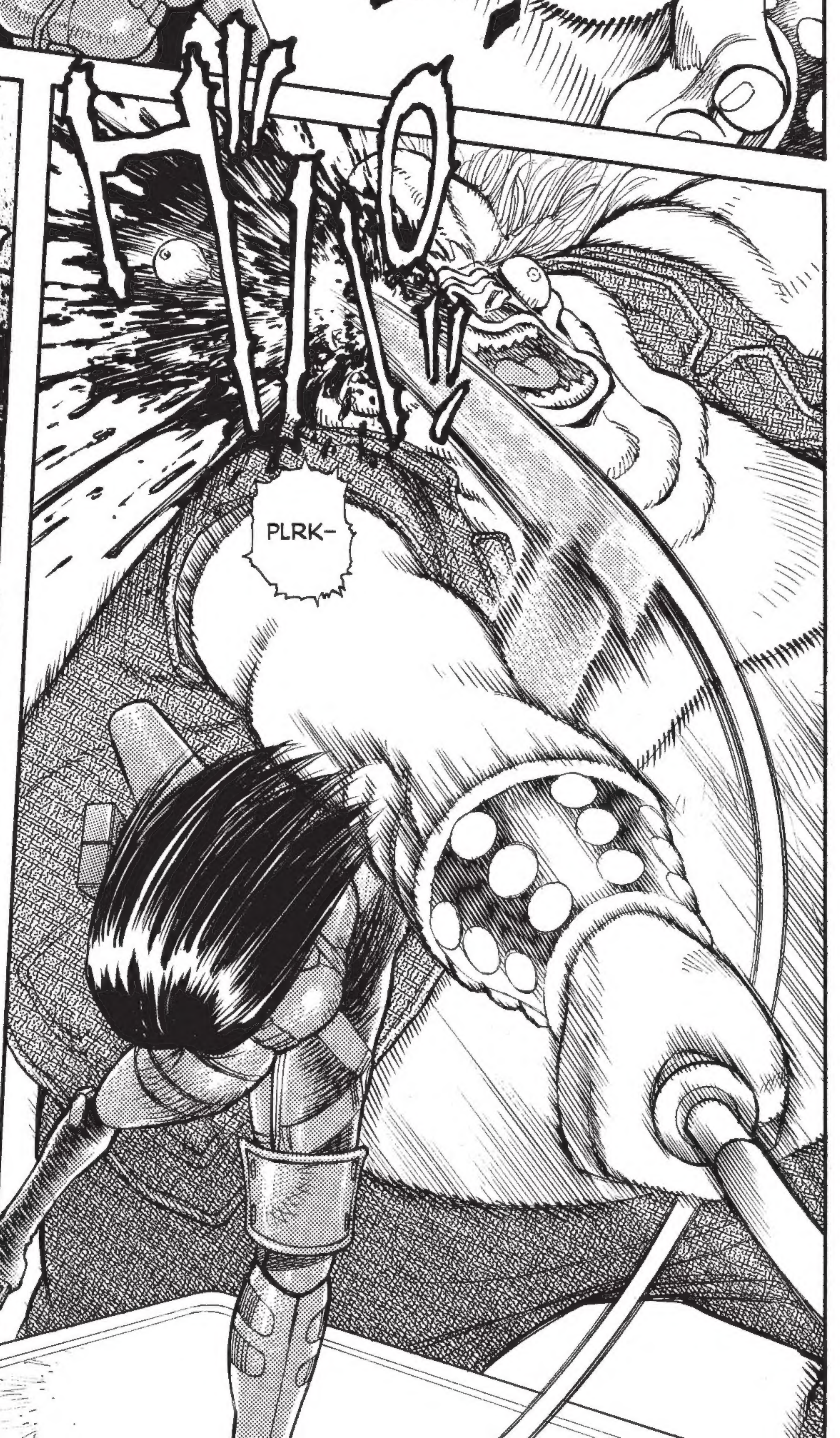
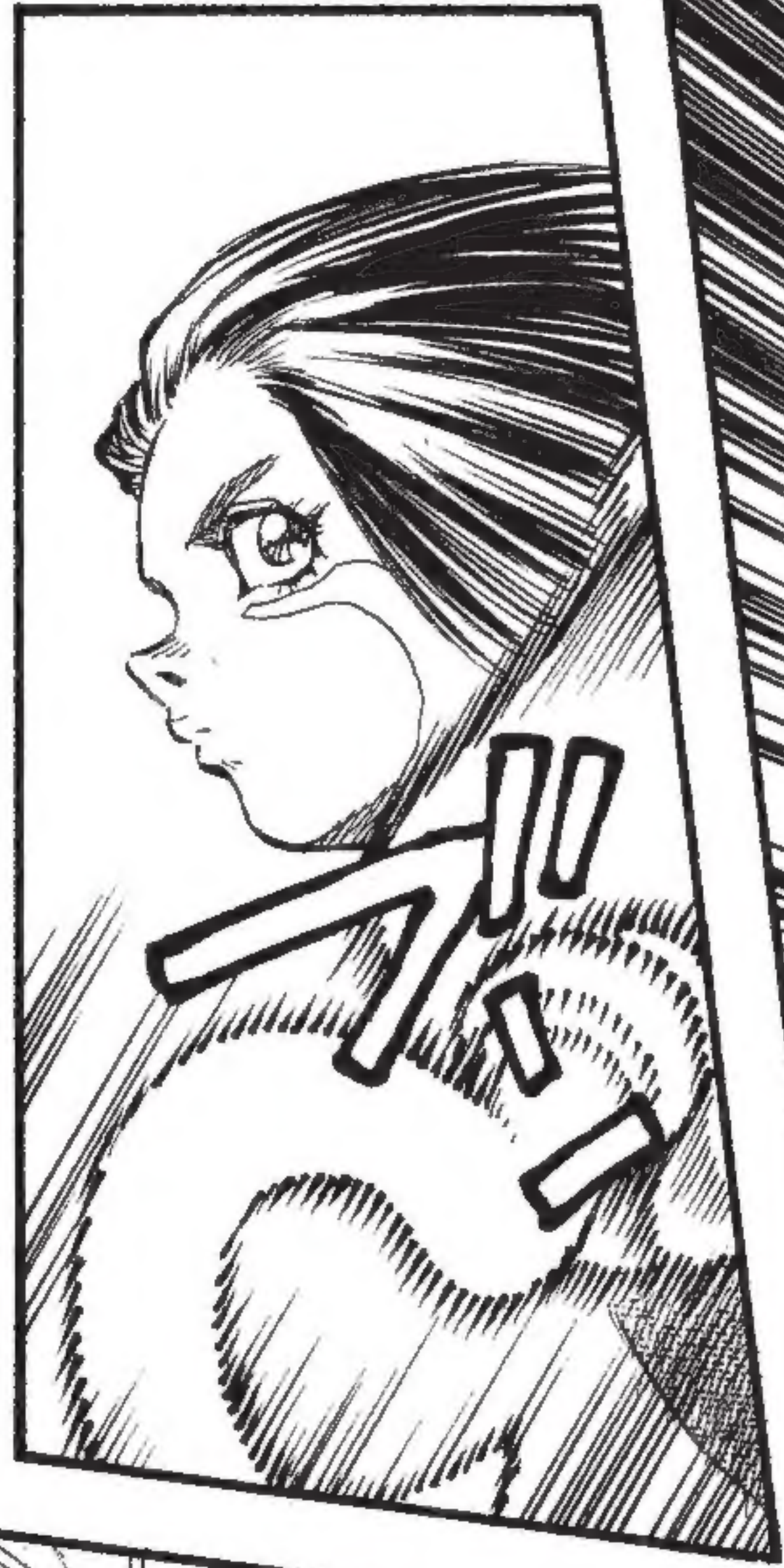


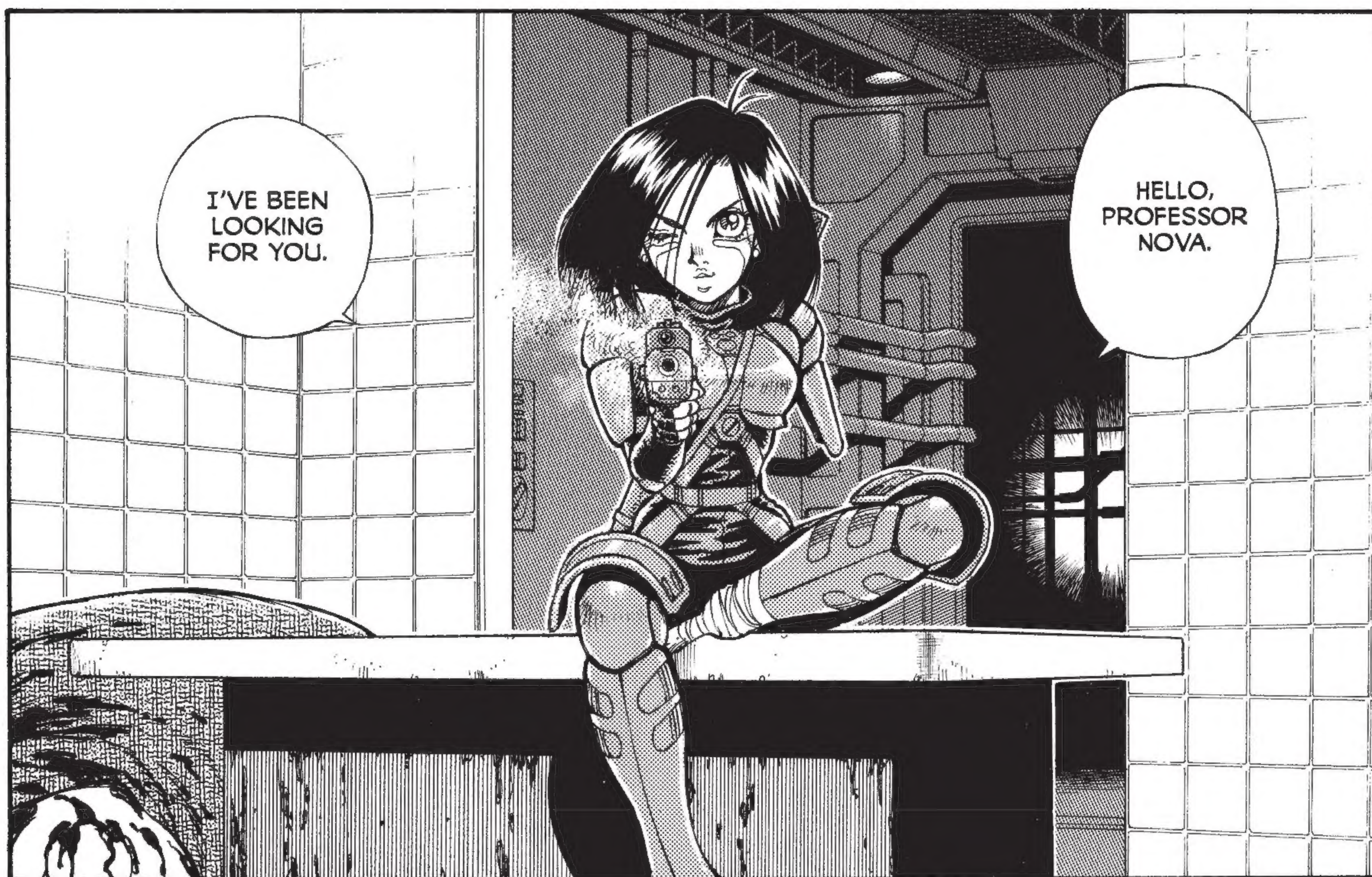
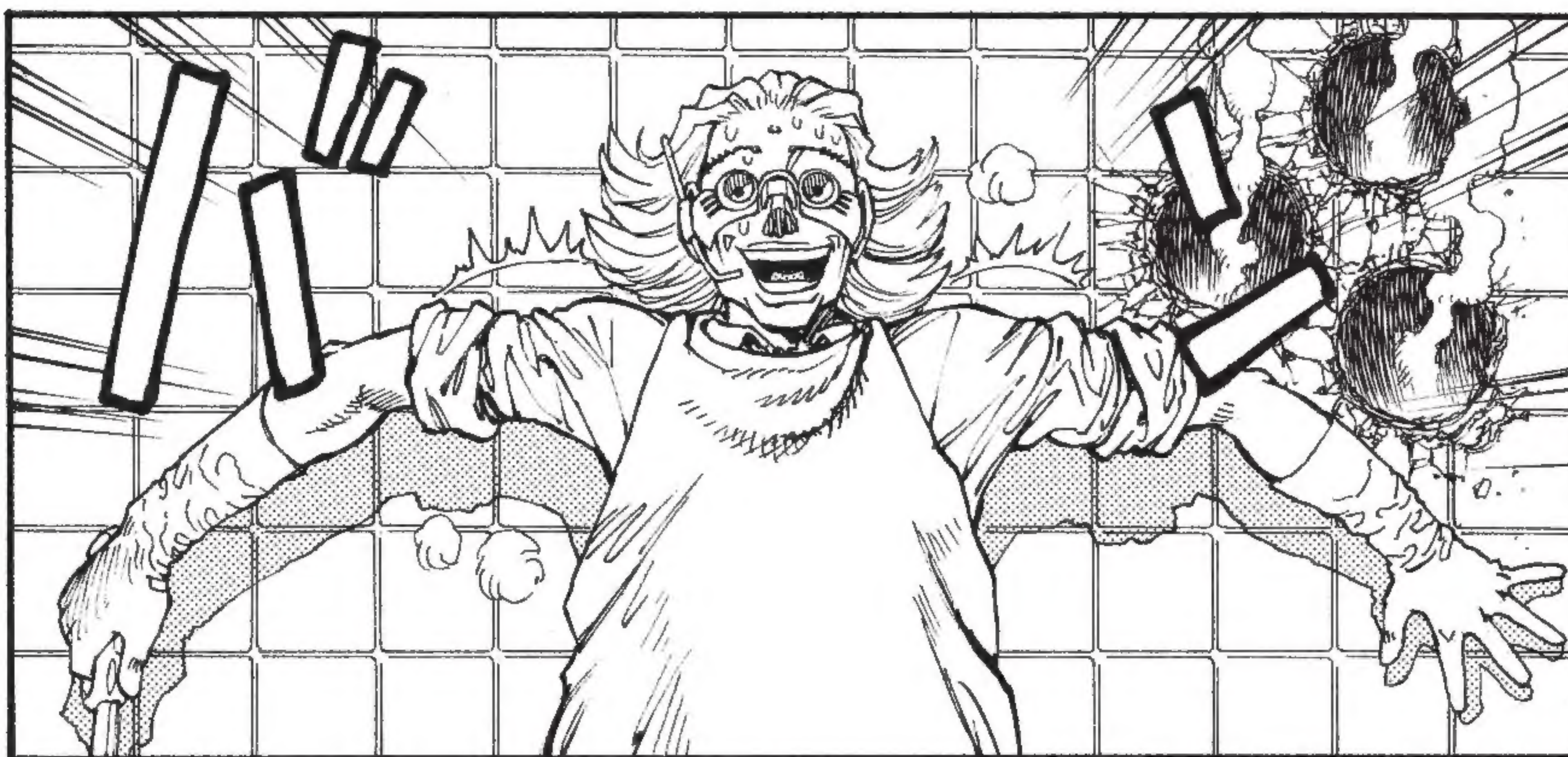
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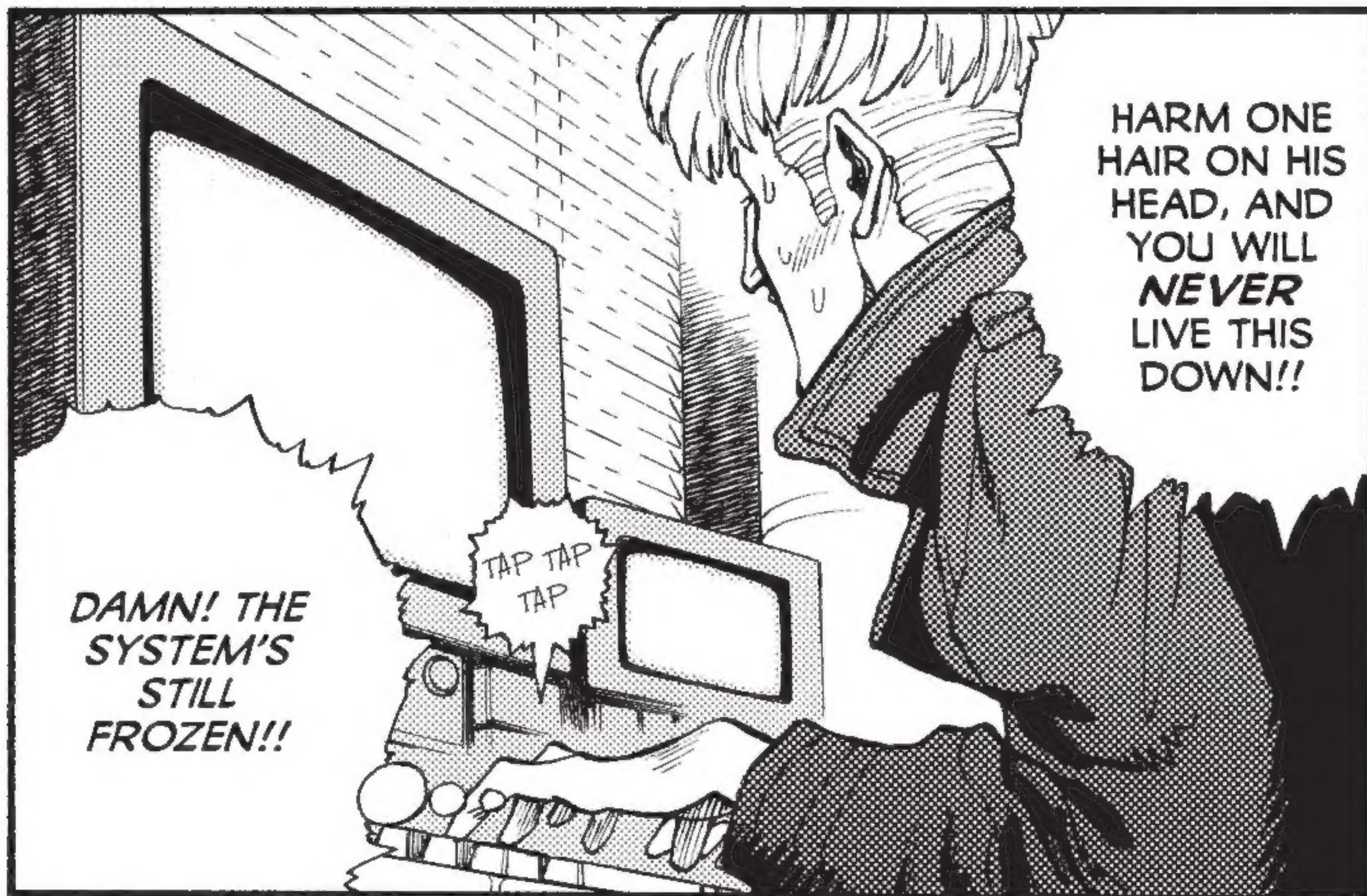
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DAMN! THE
SYSTEM'S
STILL
FROZEN!!

TAP TAP
TAP

HARM ONE
HAIR ON HIS
HEAD, AND
YOU WILL
NEVER
LIVE THIS
DOWN!!



**STOP
THIS,
A-1!!**



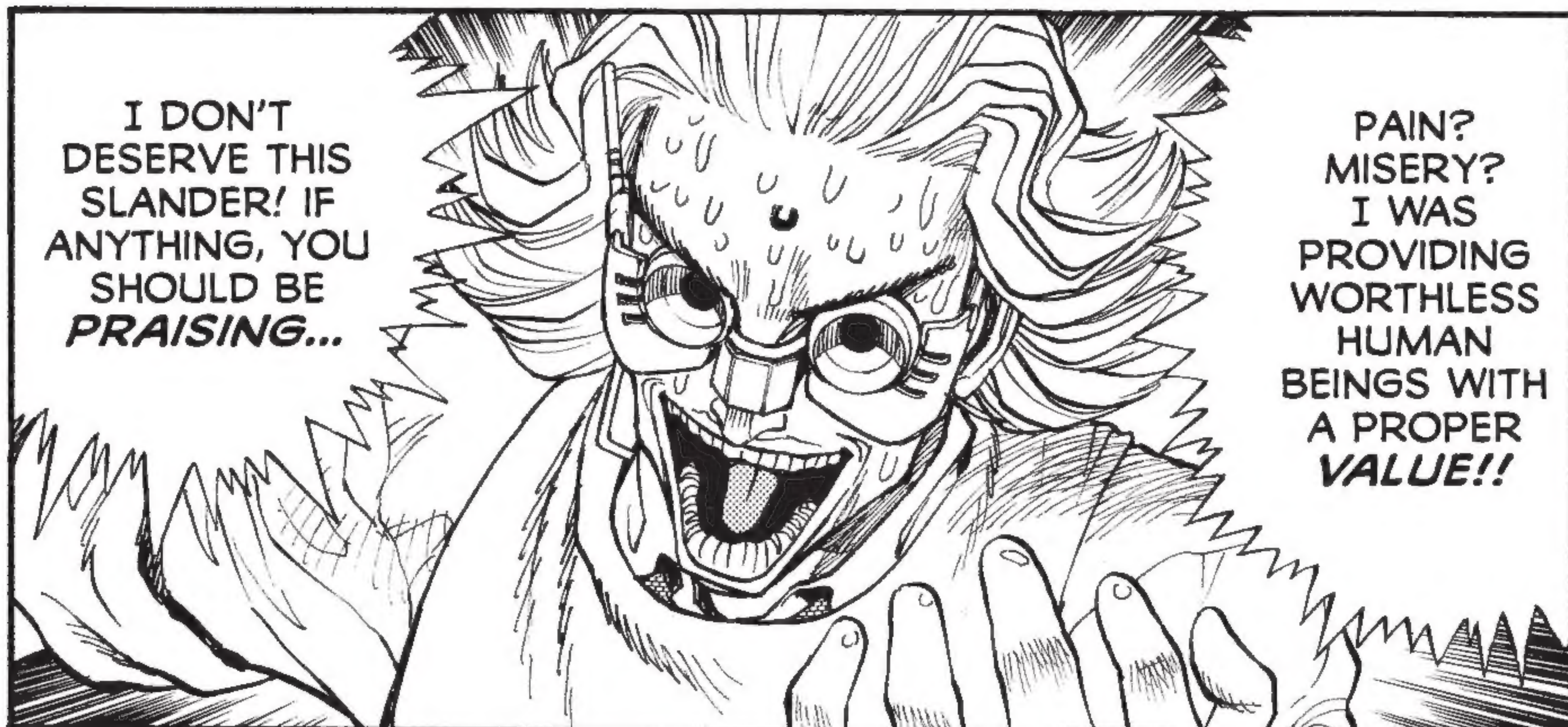
HE STRUCK
A DEAL WITH
FATHER AND
ABANDONED
YOU TO DIE!!

NO,
ALITA!
DON'T
LISTEN
TO
HIM!!



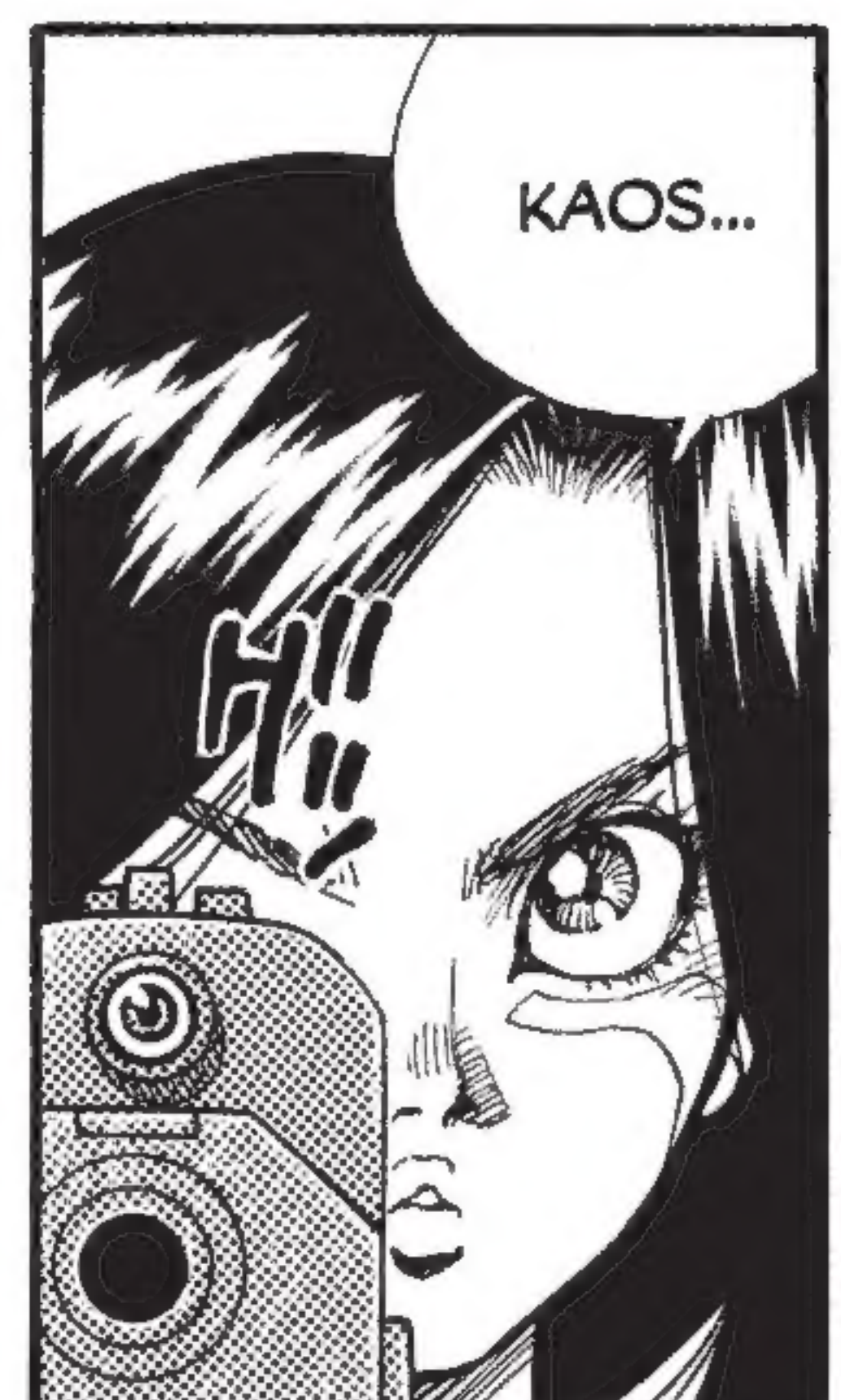
DON'T
HESITATE-
PULL THE
TRIGGER
AND KILL
HIM NOW!!

FATHER
IS A DEMON
WHO BRINGS
NOTHING BUT
PAIN AND
MISERY INTO
THE WORLD!!

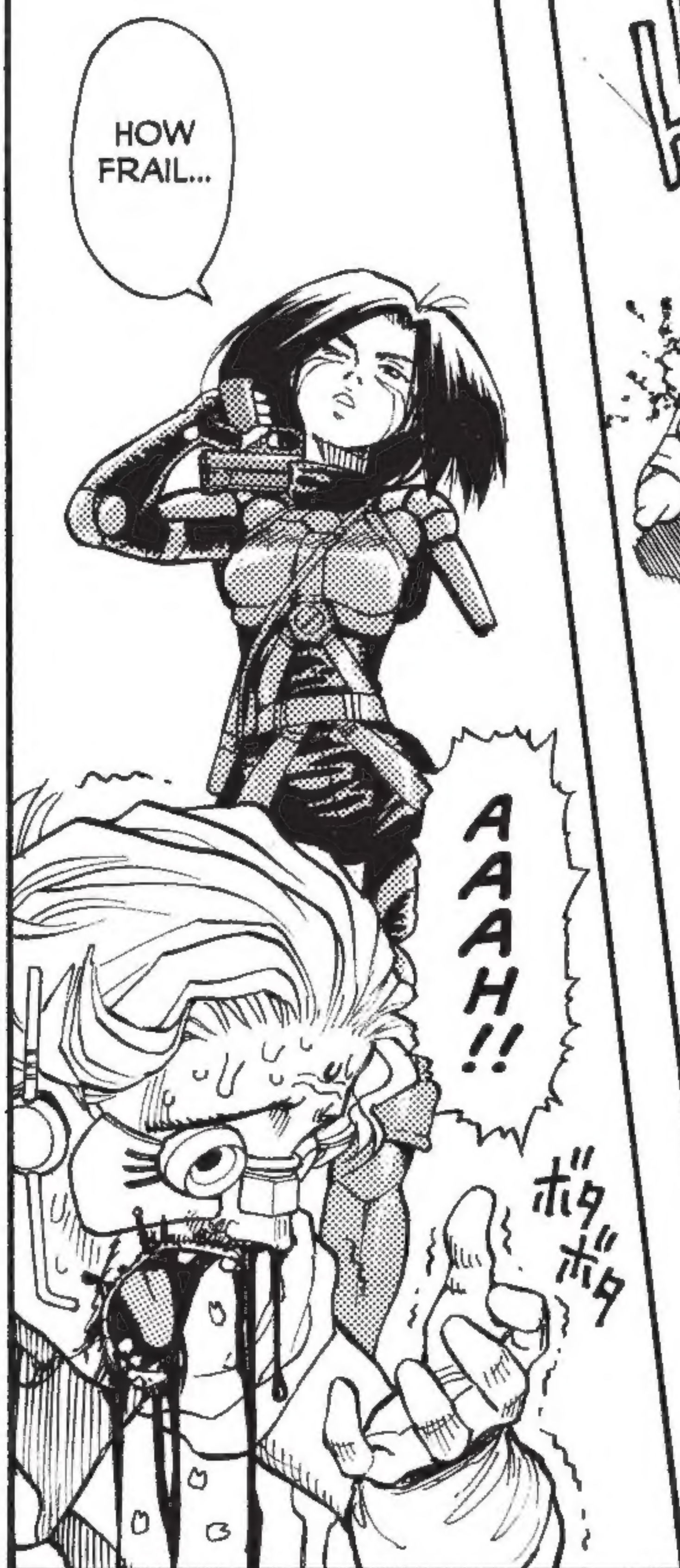


I DON'T
DESERVE THIS
SLANDER! IF
ANYTHING, YOU
SHOULD BE
PRAISING...

PAIN?
MISERY?
I WAS
PROVIDING
WORTHLESS
HUMAN
BEINGS WITH
A PROPER
VALUE!!



KAOS...



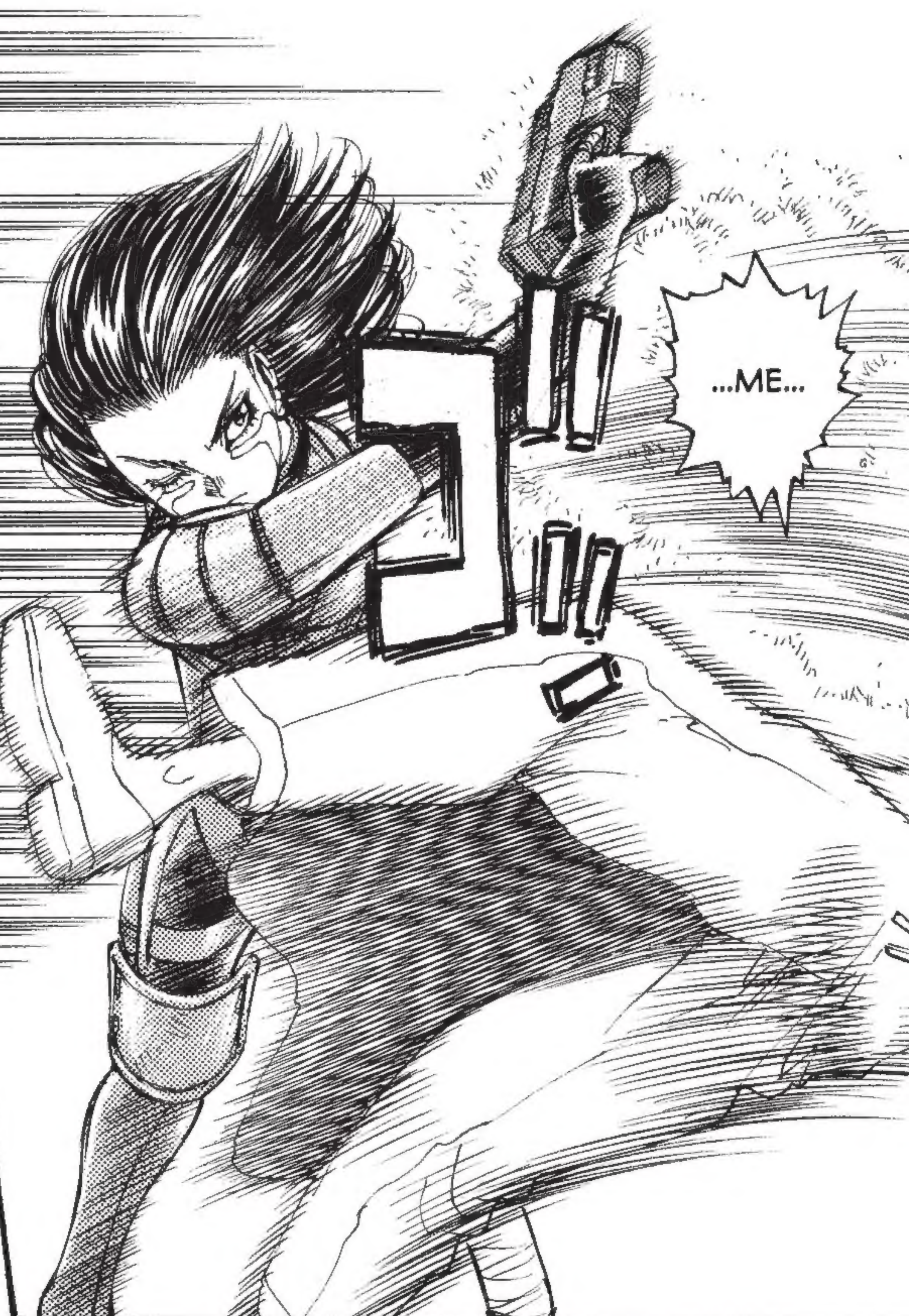
HOW
FRAIL...

A A A H!!

ホタ
ホタ



A Y I I I!



...ME...



CURSE
YOUR HIDE,
A-1!!



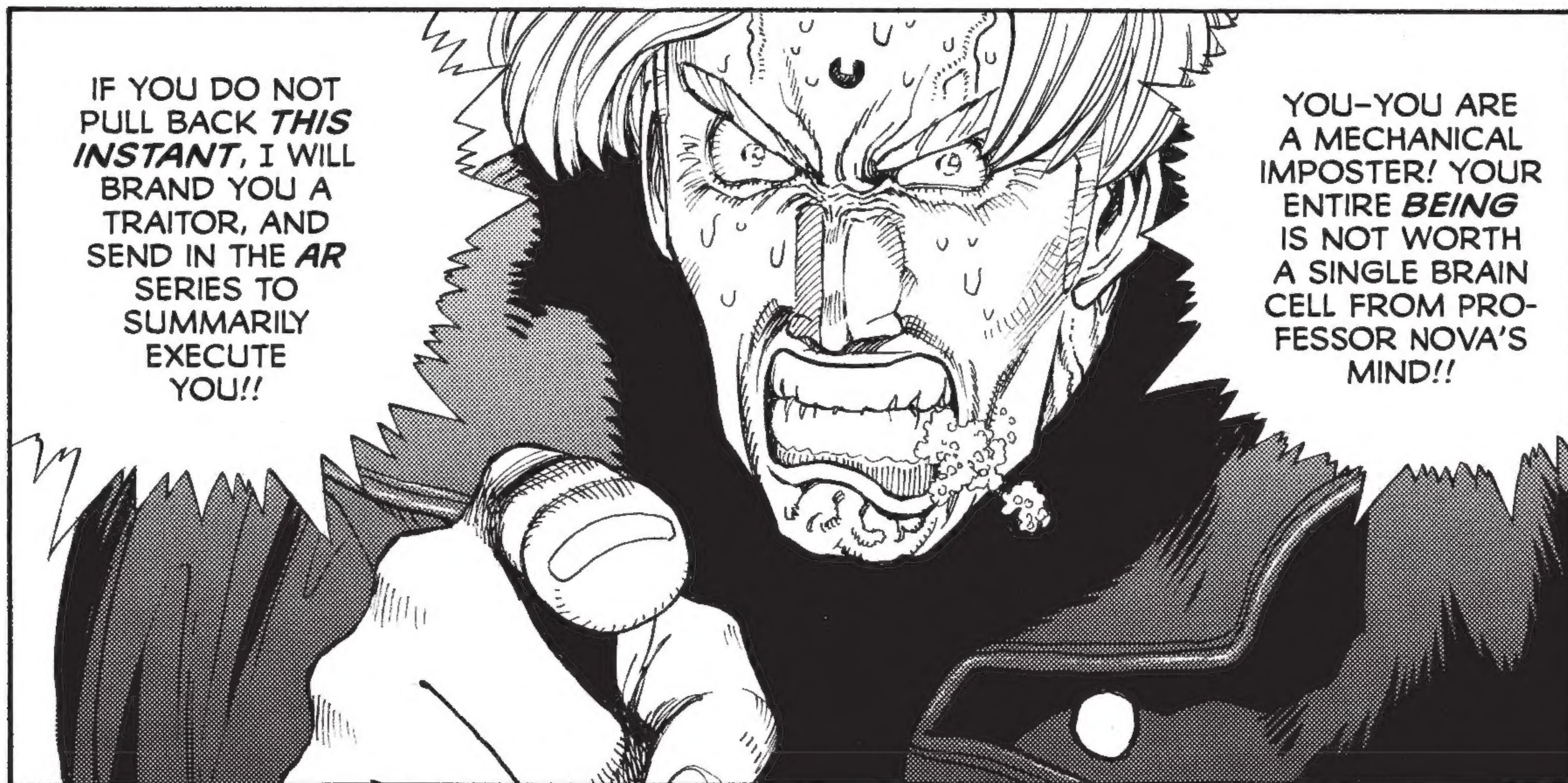
...MAKES
ME
FURIOUS!!



A A A H!!

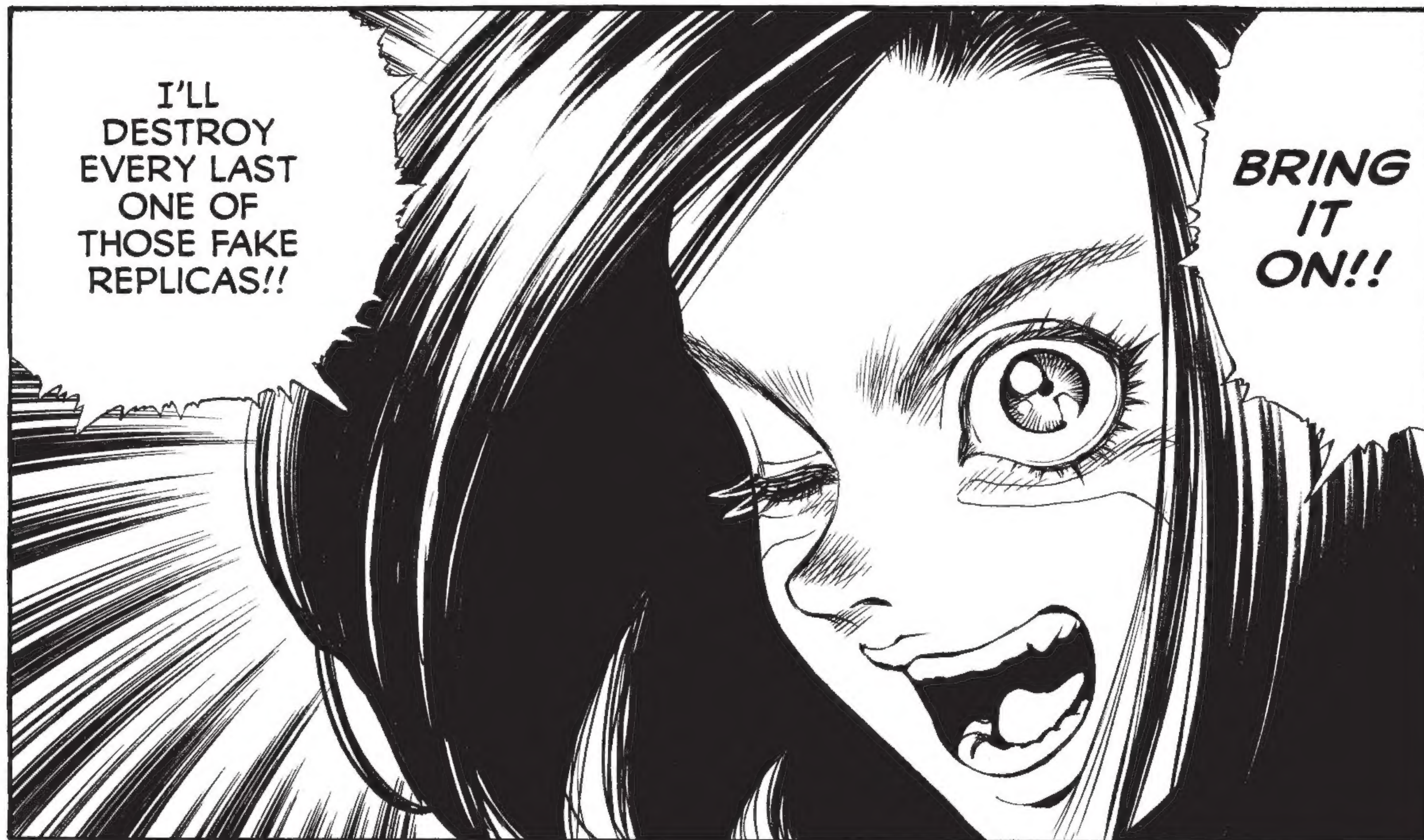
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THE THOUGHT
THAT I'VE BEEN
DRAGGED
AROUND BY
SUCH A PATHETIC
WEAKLING ALL
THIS TIME...



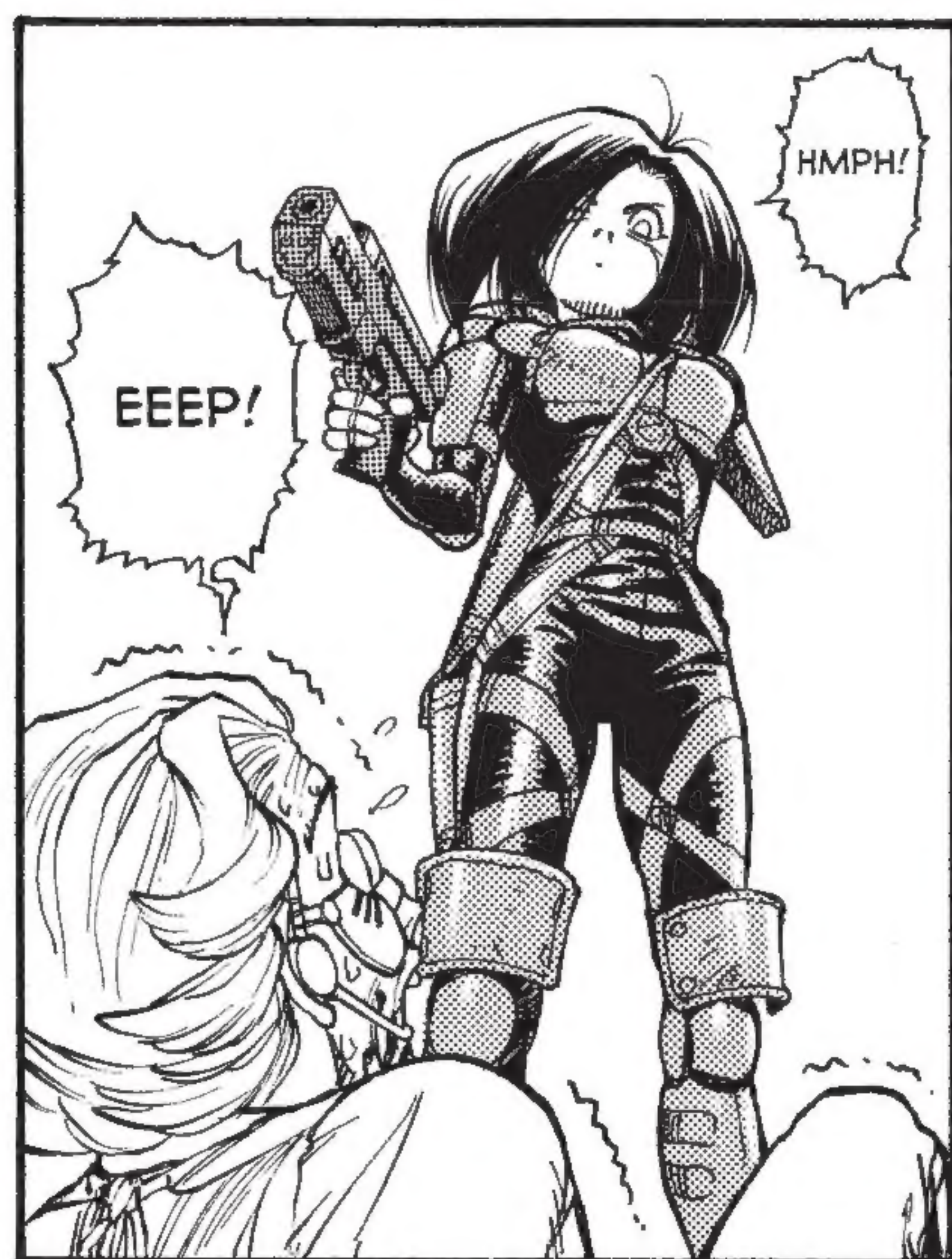
IF YOU DO NOT
PULL BACK **THIS**
INSTANT, I WILL
BRAND YOU A
TRAITOR, AND
SEND IN THE **AR**
SERIES TO
SUMMARILY
EXECUTE
YOU!!

YOU-YOU ARE
A MECHANICAL
IMPOSTER! YOUR
ENTIRE **BEING**
IS NOT WORTH
A SINGLE BRAIN
CELL FROM PRO-
FESSOR NOVA'S
MIND!!



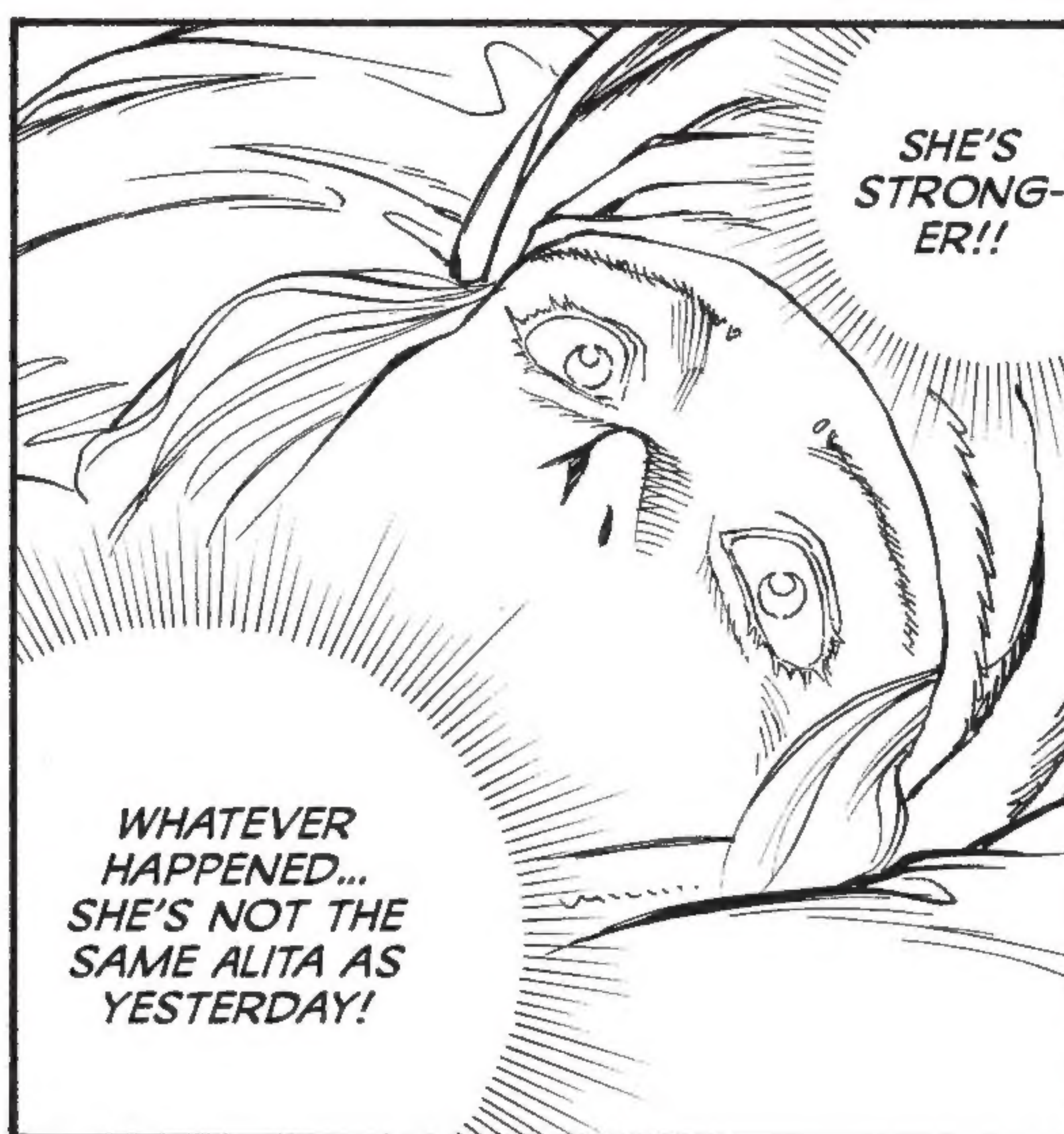
I'LL
DESTROY
EVERY LAST
ONE OF
THOSE FAKE
REPLICAS!!

**BRING
IT
ON!!**



EEEP!

HMPH!



**SHE'S
STRONG-
ER!!**

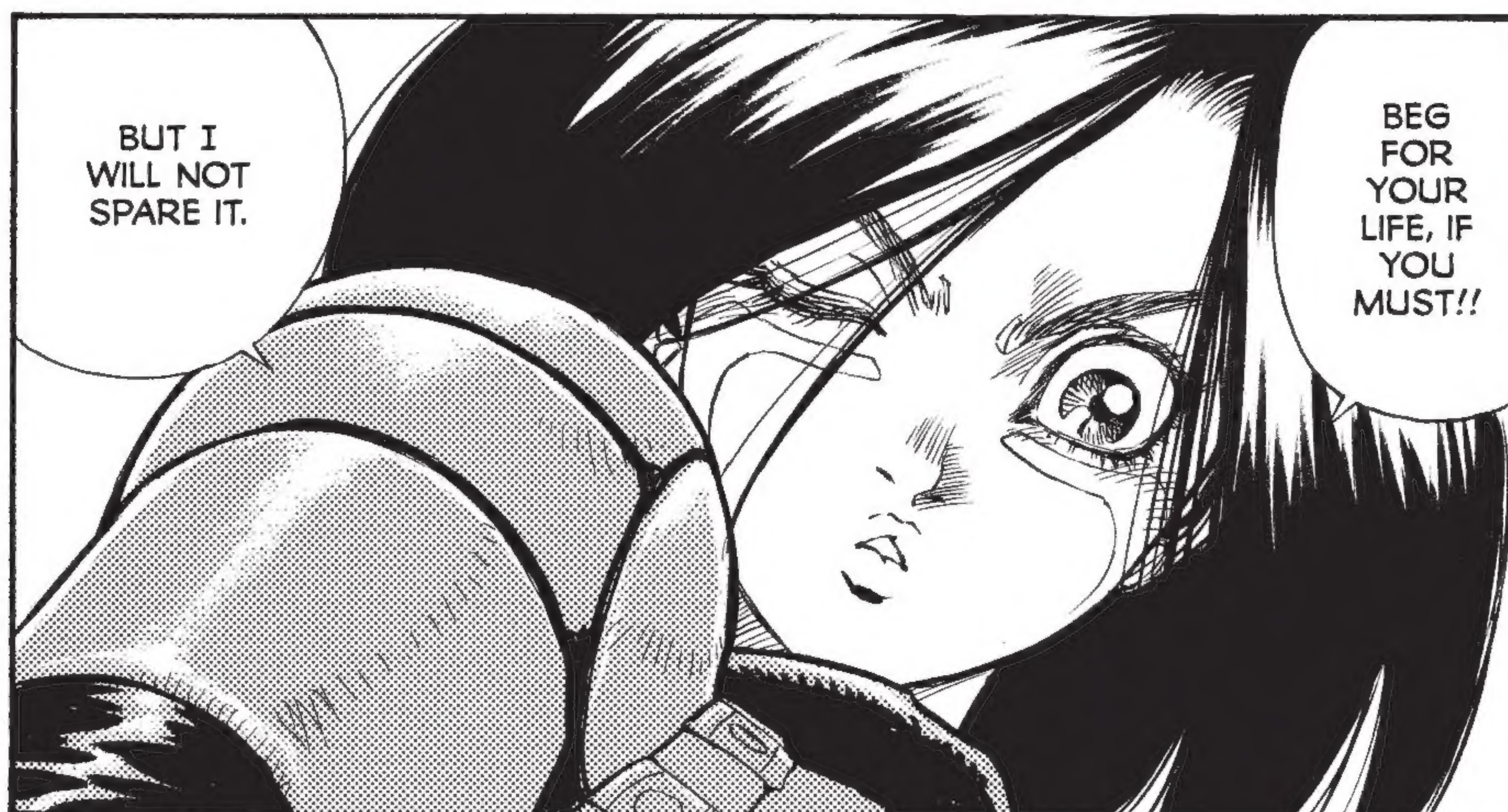
WHATEVER
HAPPENED...
SHE'S NOT THE
SAME ALITA AS
YESTERDAY!



...!!

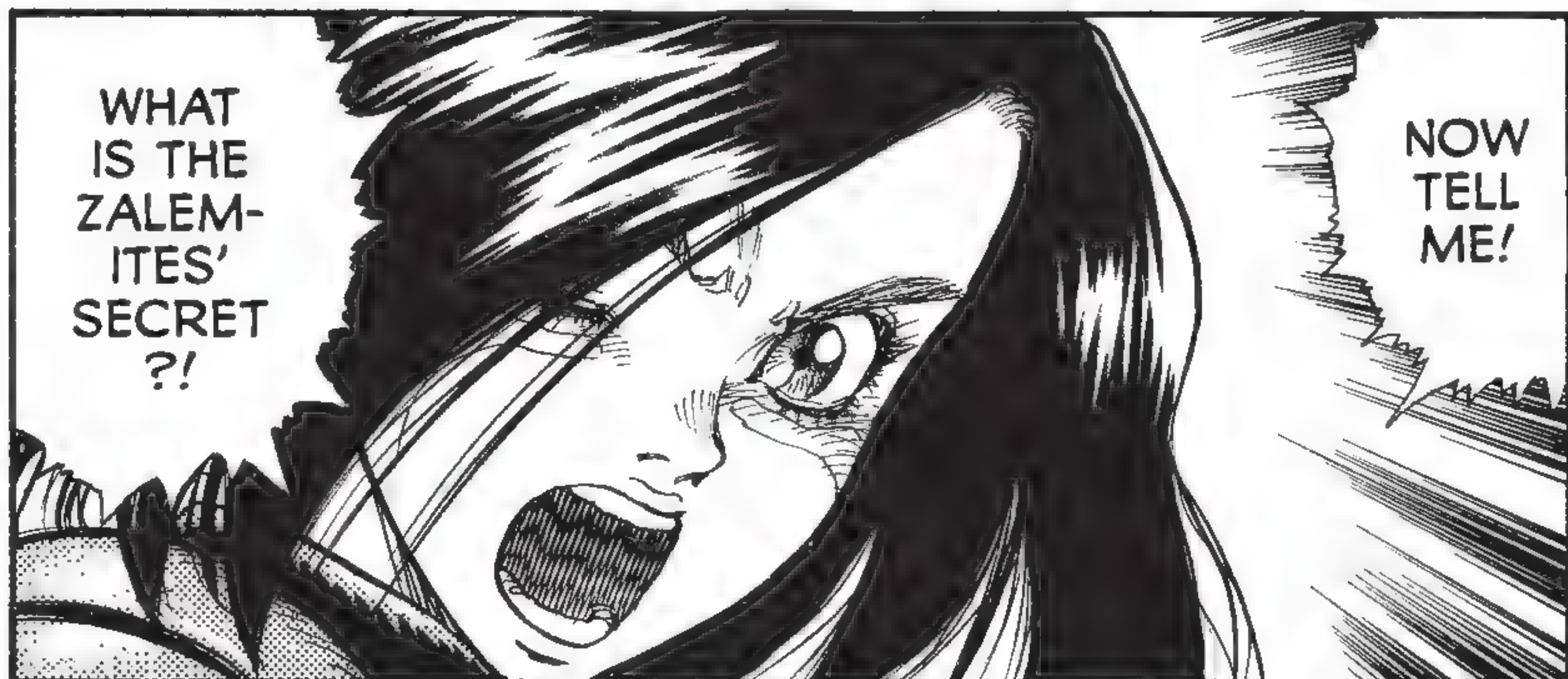
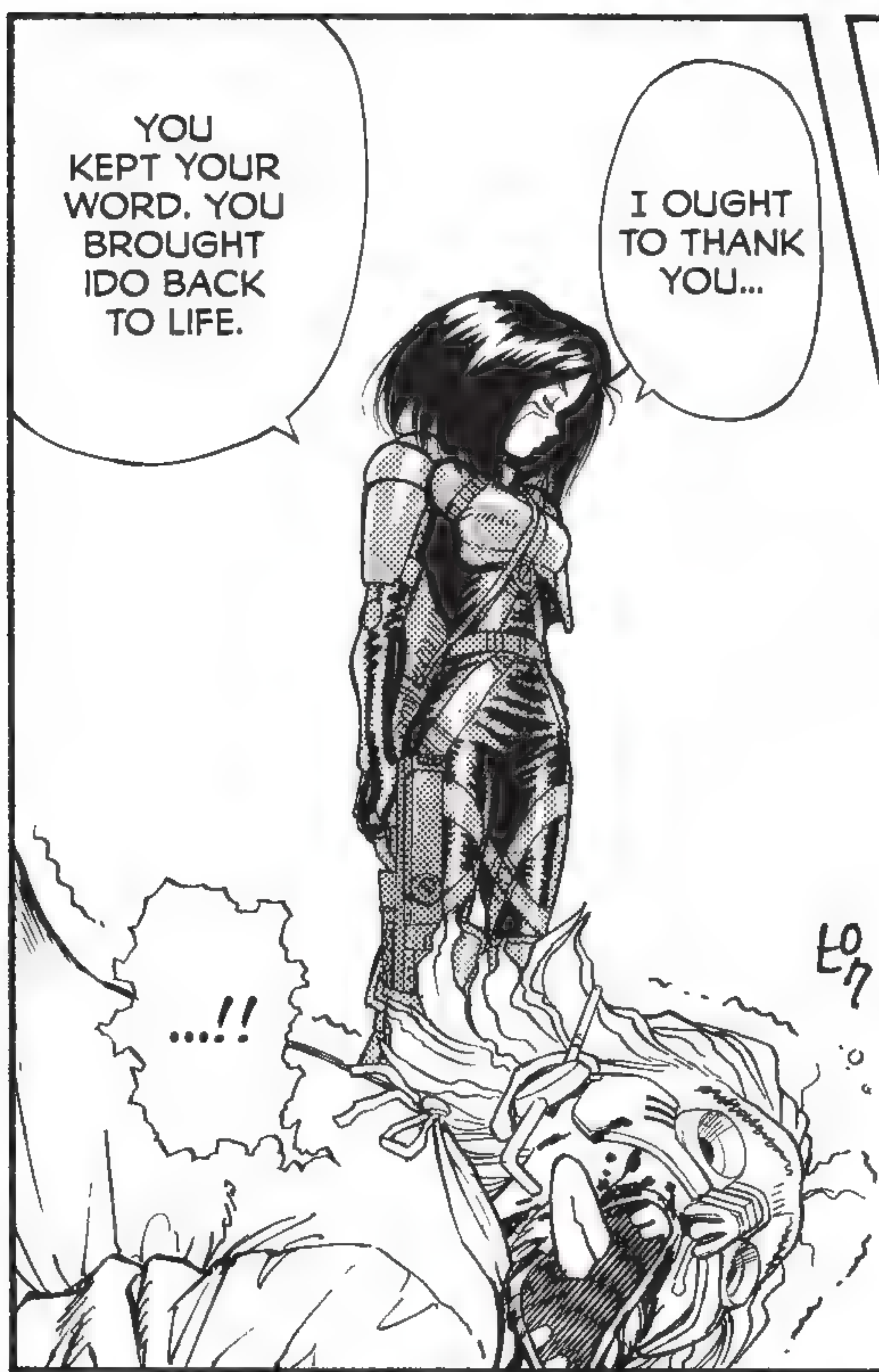
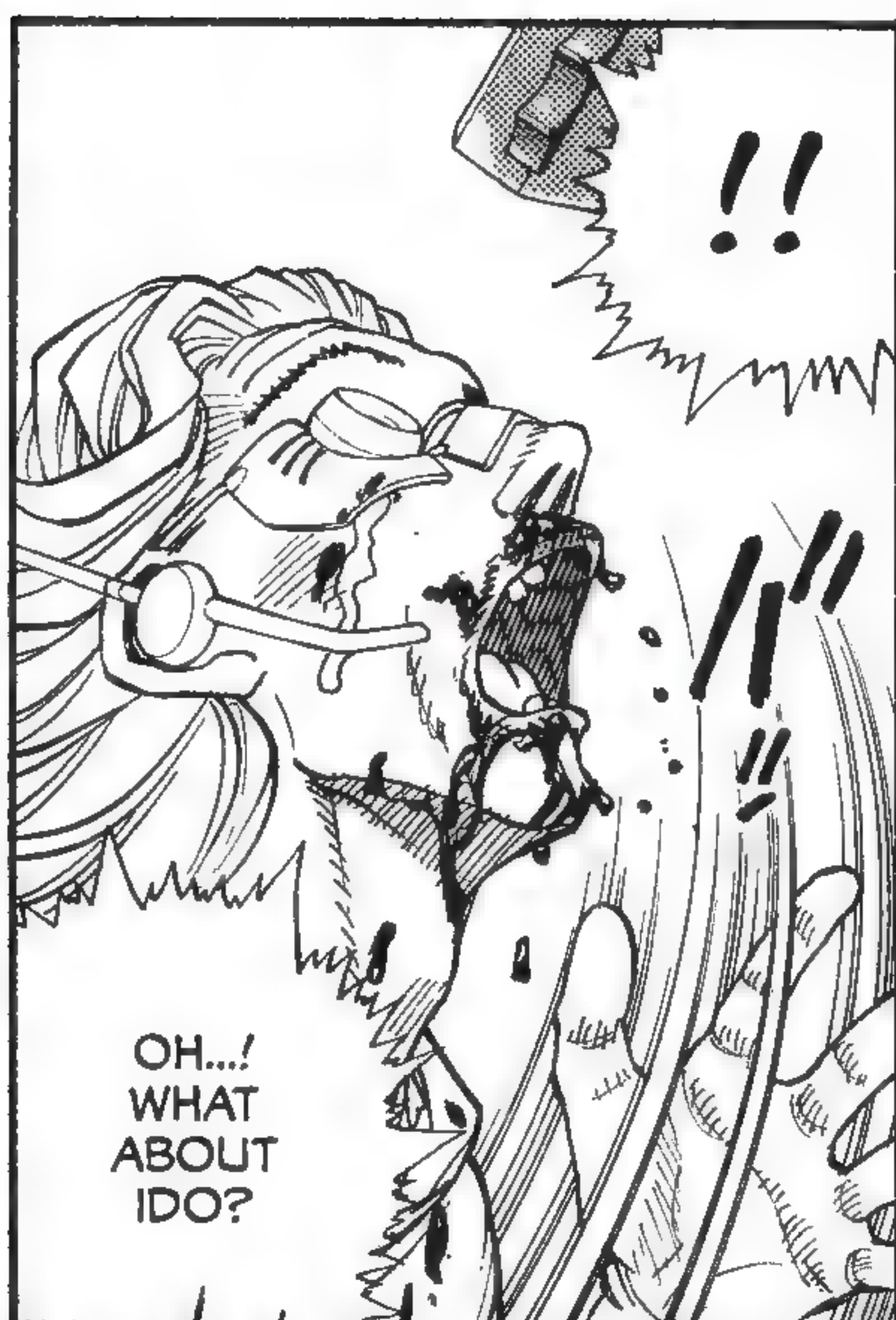
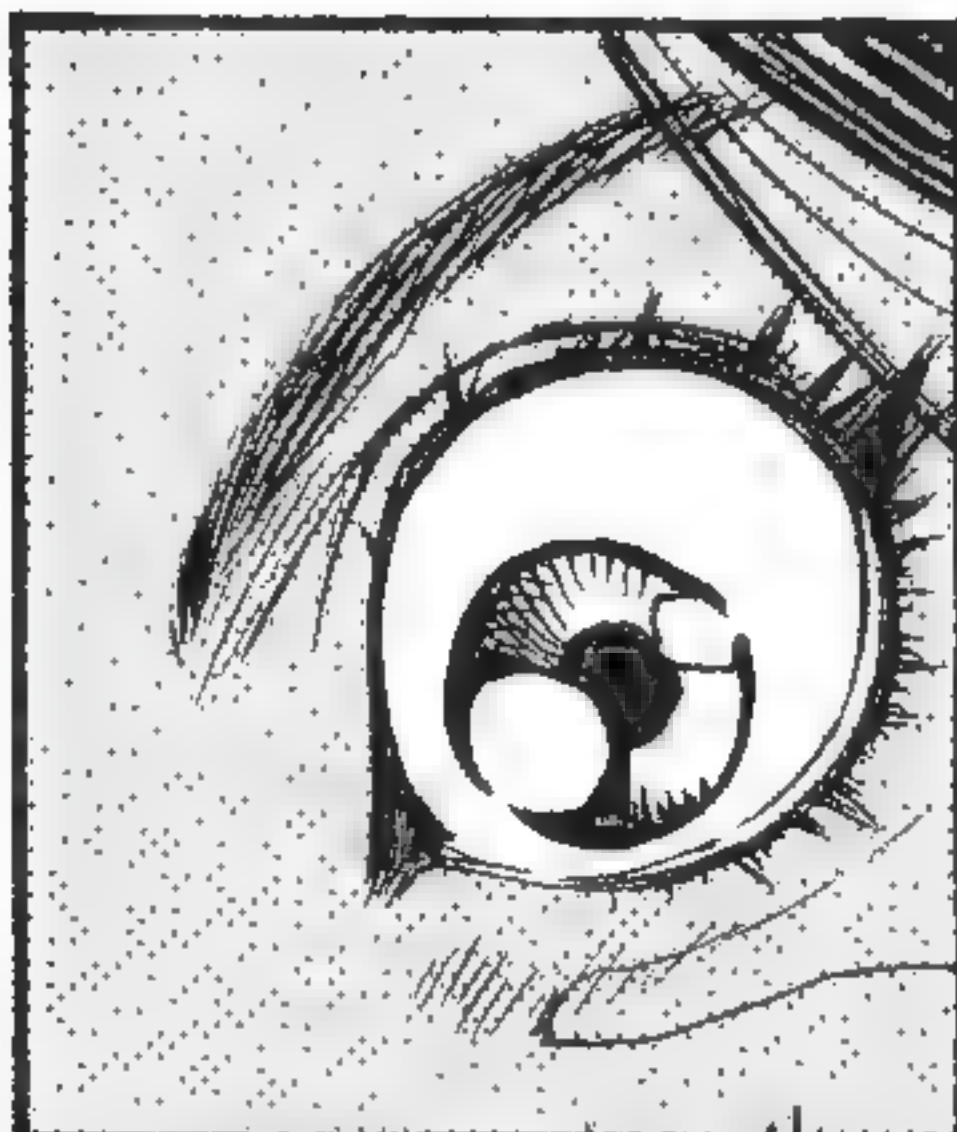
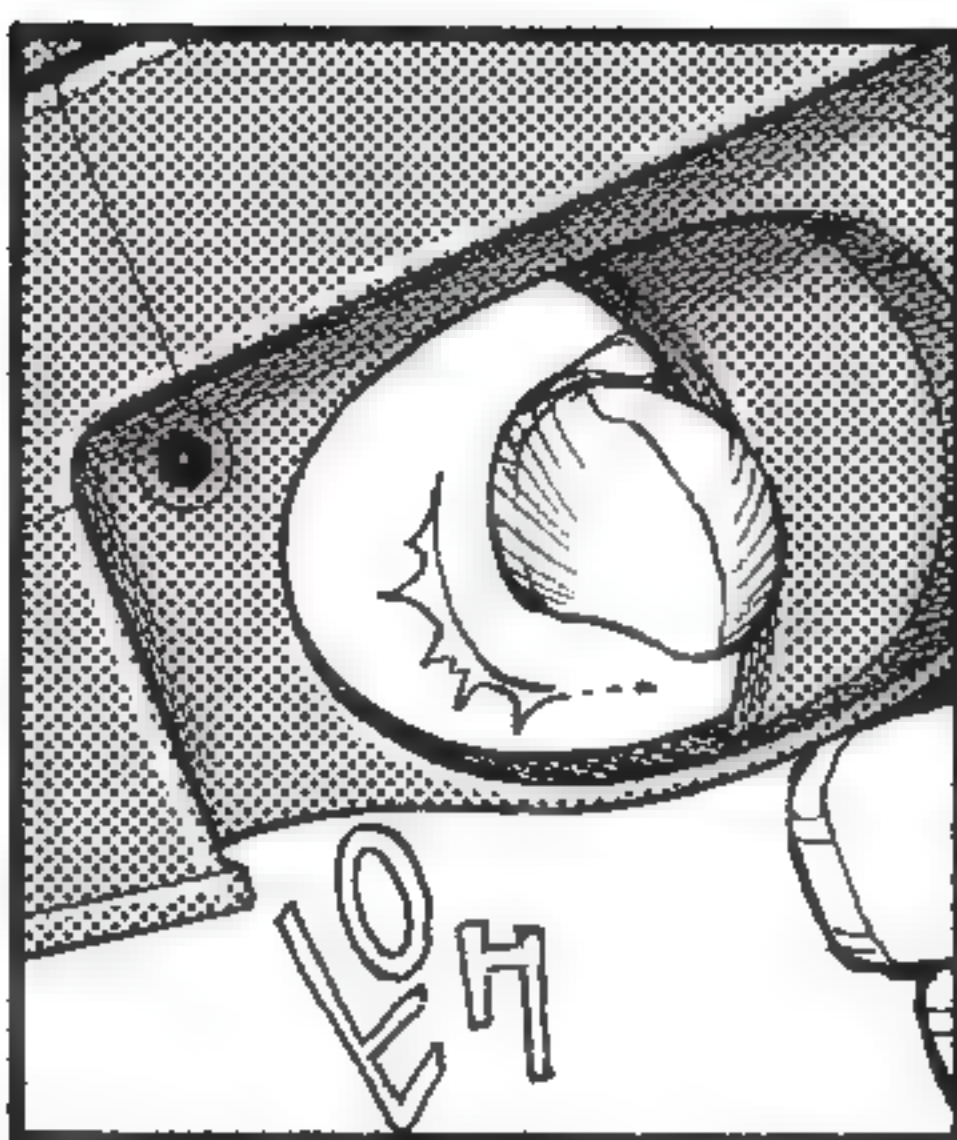
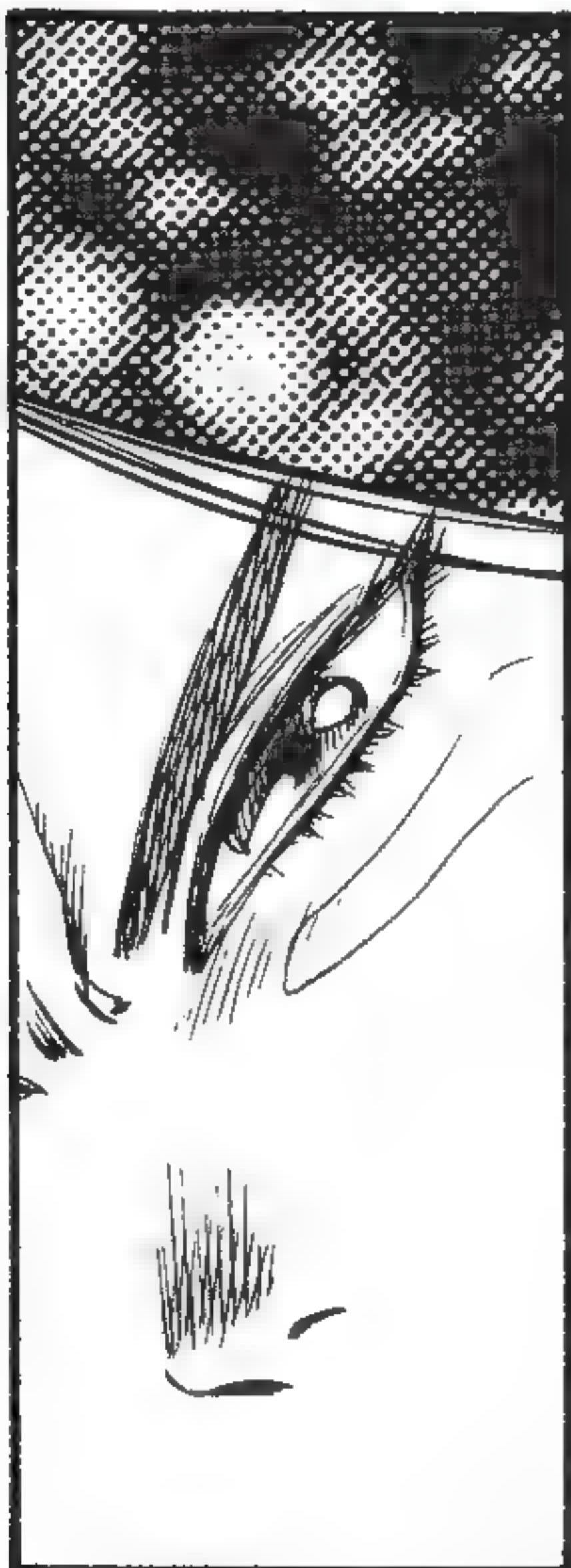


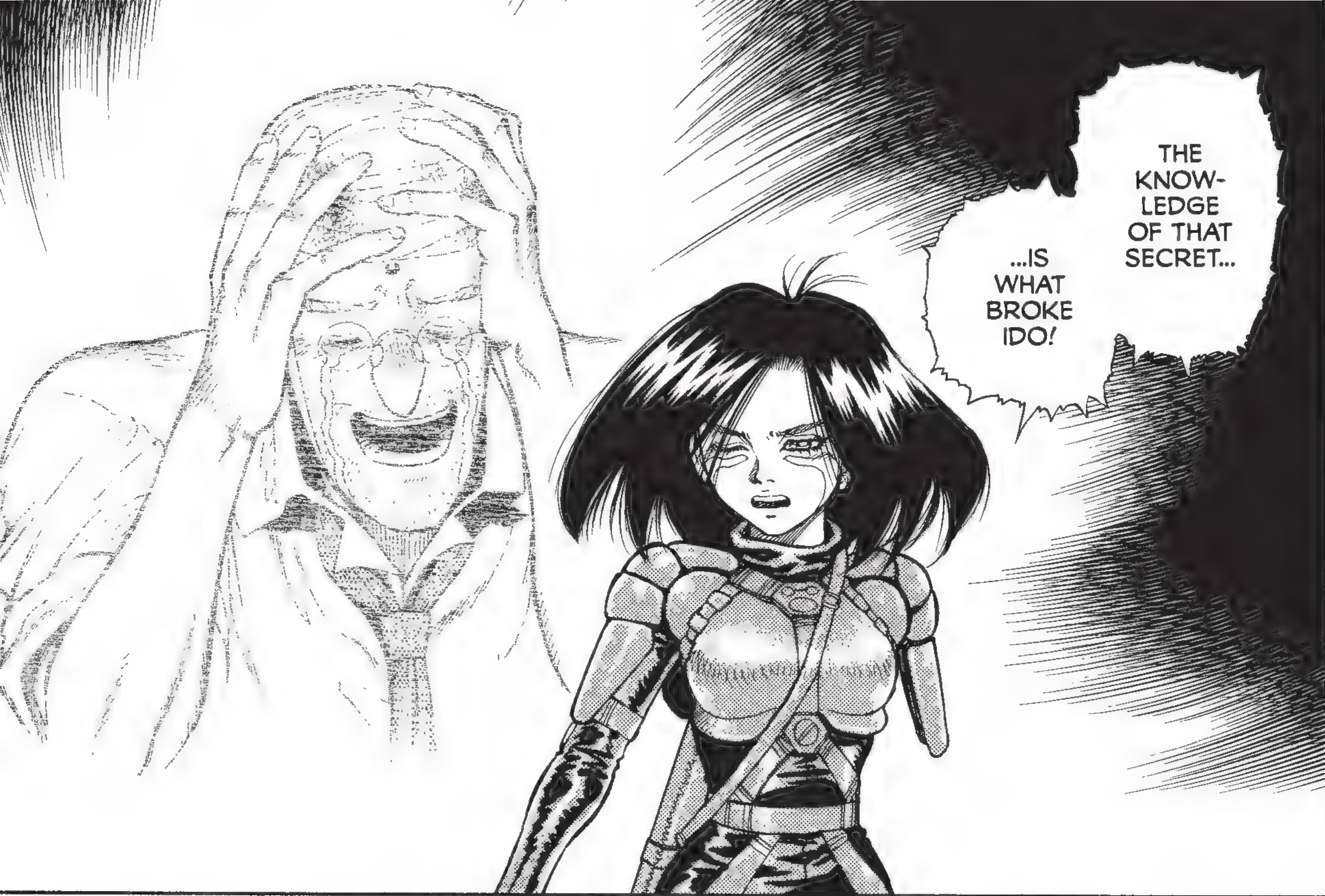
NO...
I CAN'T STAND
THE THOUGHT OF
NOT BEING ABLE
TO TASTE FLAN
AGAIN!



BUT I
WILL NOT
SPARE IT.

BEG
FOR
YOUR
LIFE, IF
YOU
MUST!!





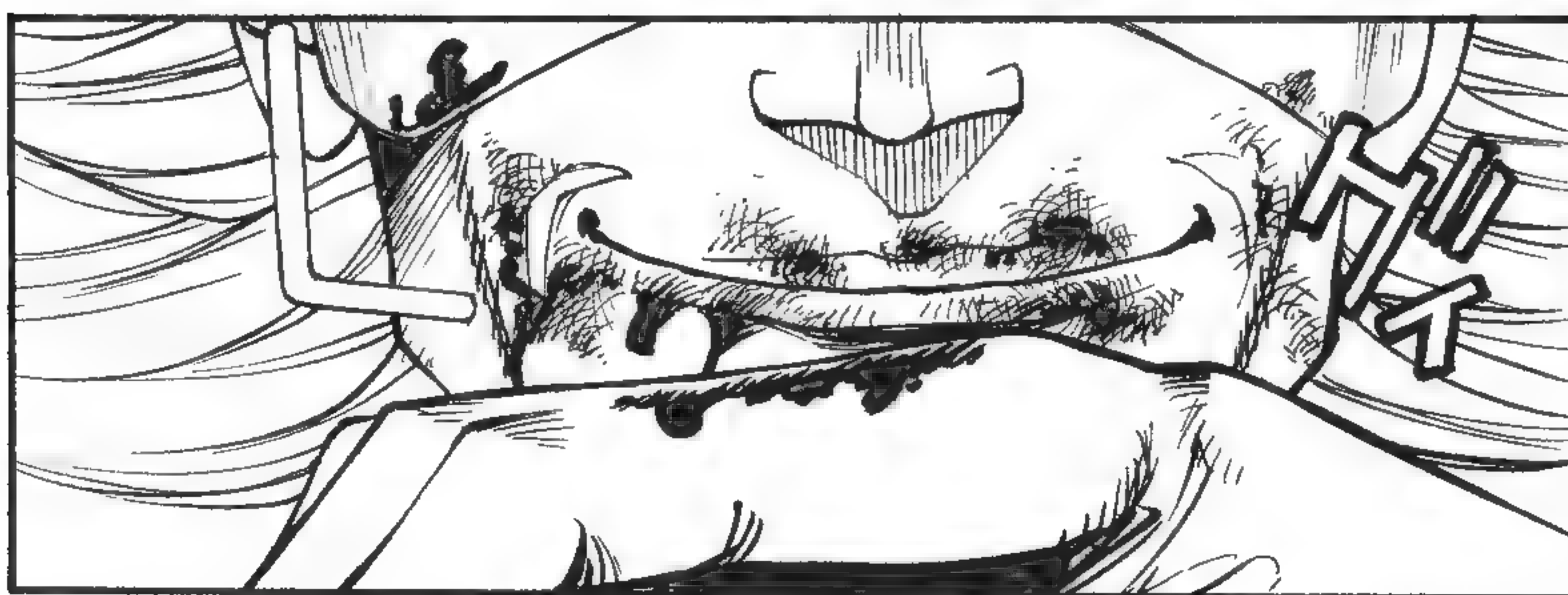
...IS
WHAT
BROKE
IDO!

THE
KNOW-
LEDGE
OF THAT
SECRET...

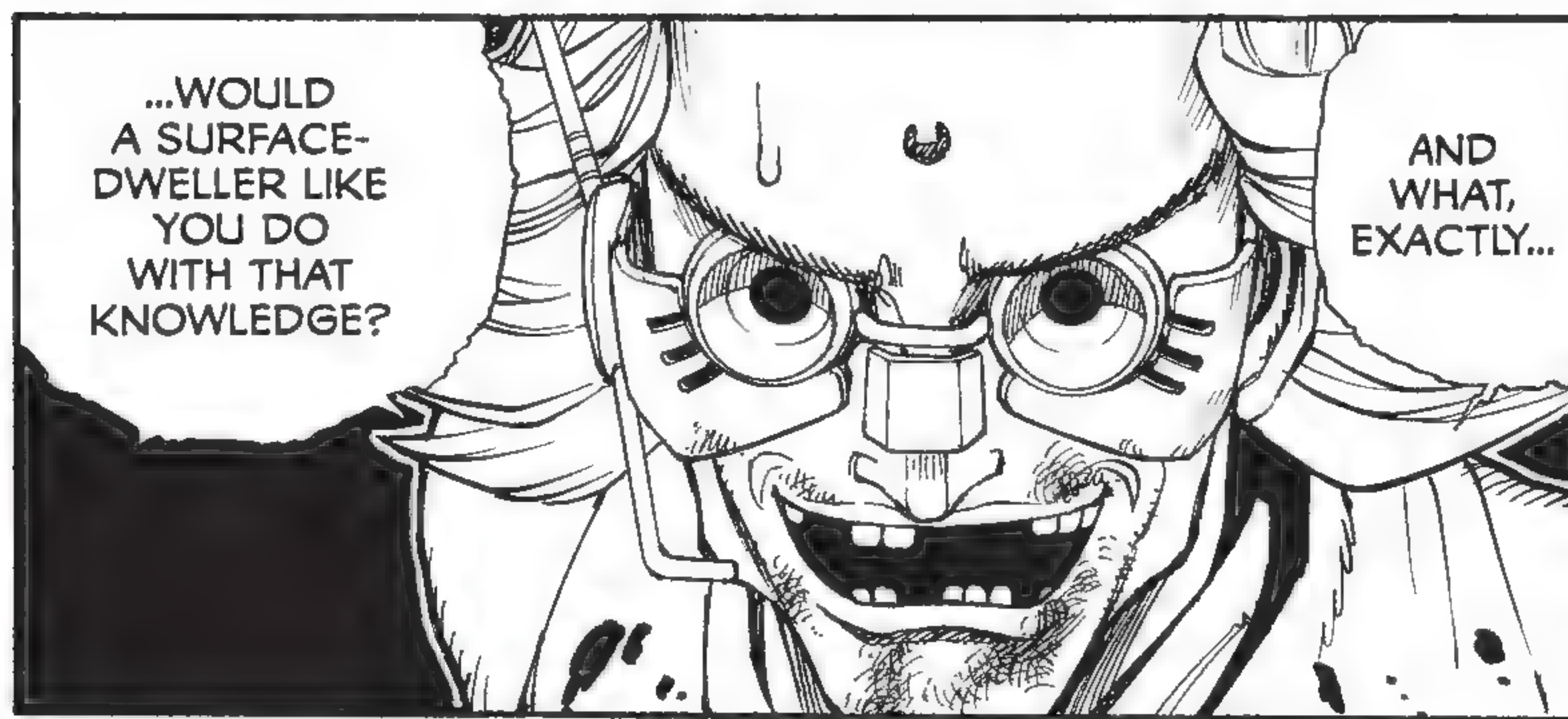


WHAT
DOES
SHE
MEAN...?

ZALEM-
ITES'
SECRET?



HEH
HEH
HEH...

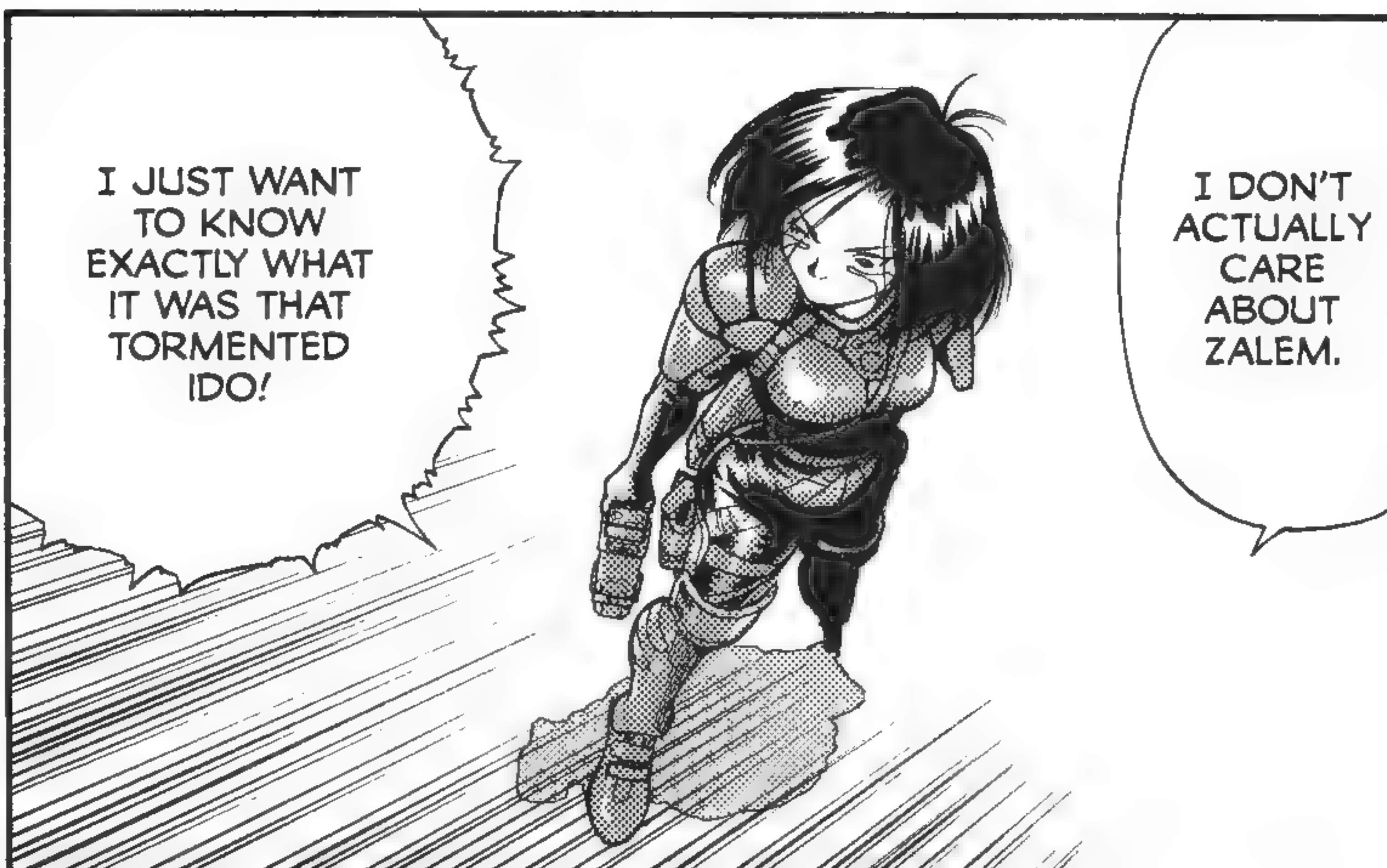


...WOULD
A SURFACE-
DWELLER LIKE
YOU DO
WITH THAT
KNOWLEDGE?

AND
WHAT,
EXACTLY...

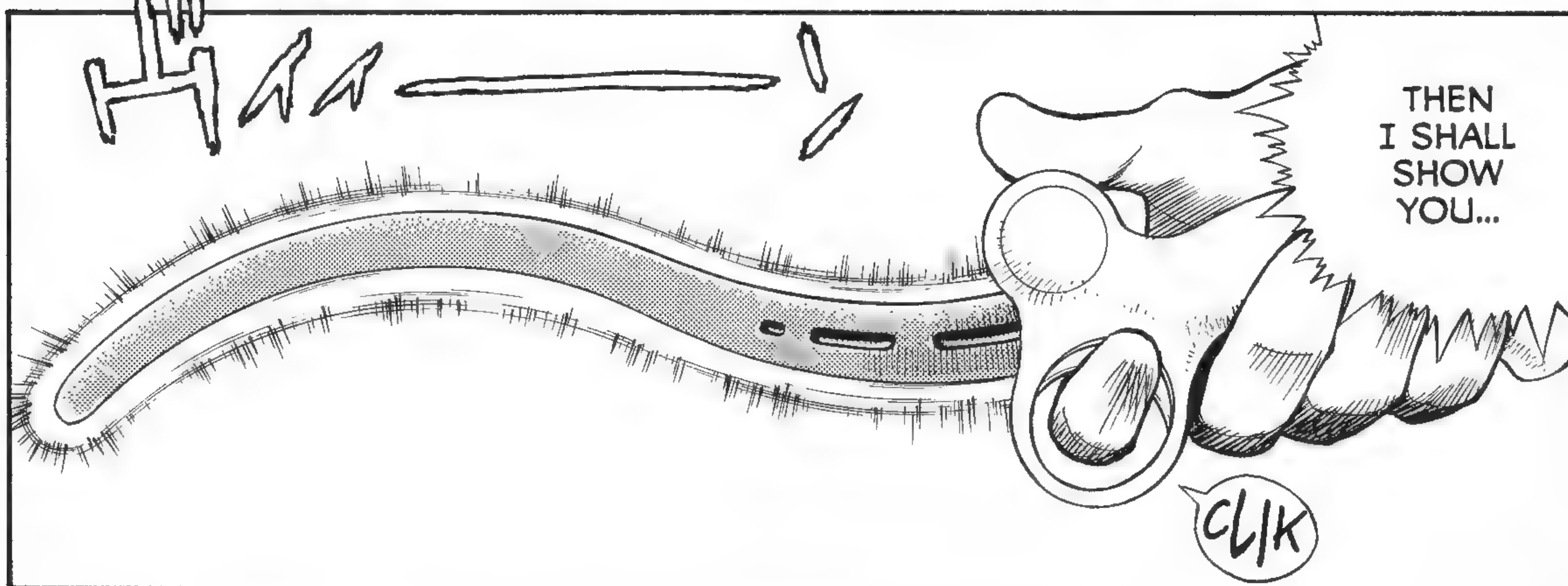


VERY WELL.



I JUST WANT TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT IT WAS THAT TORMENTED IDO!

I DON'T ACTUALLY CARE ABOUT ZALEM.

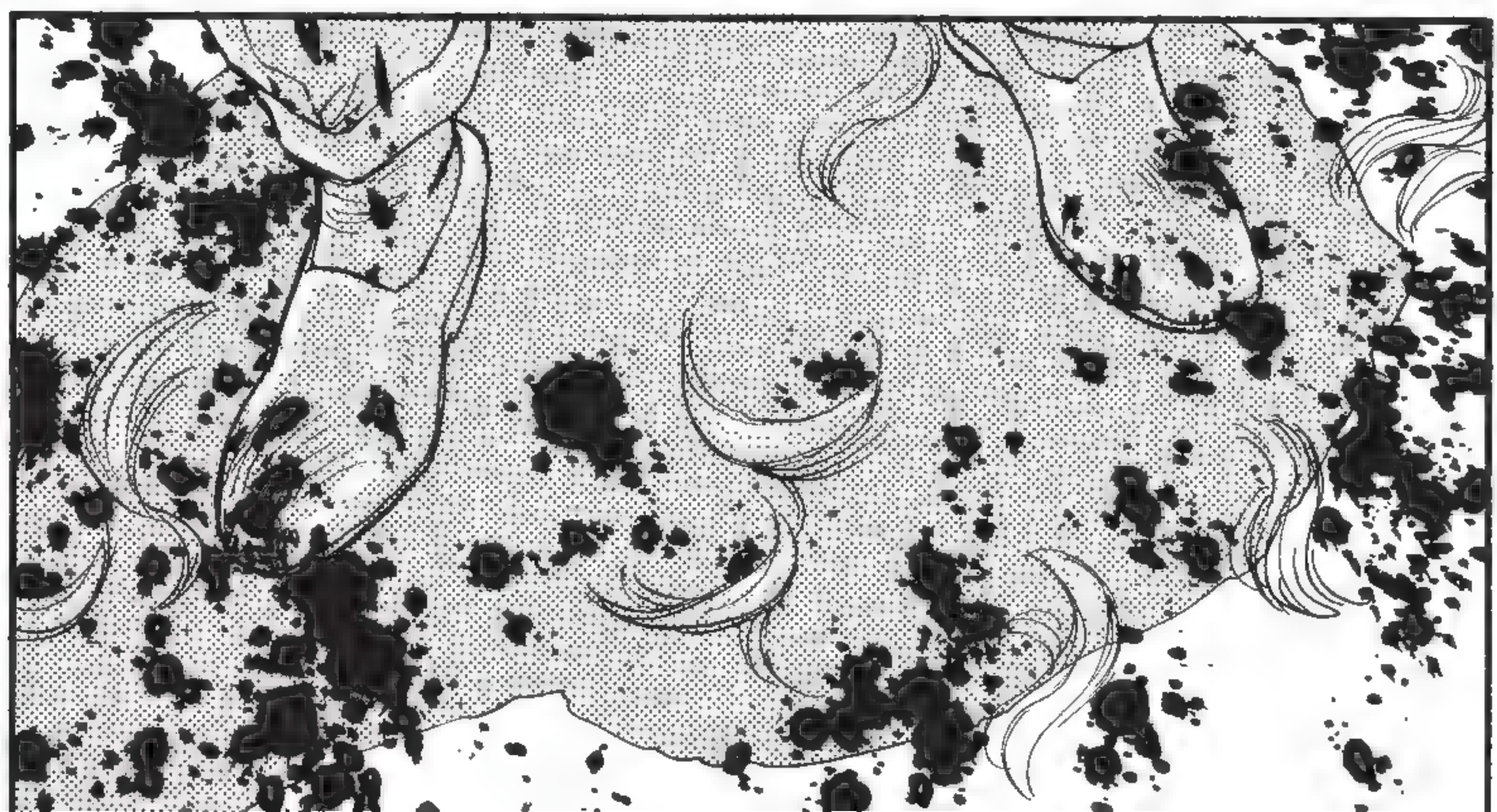


THEN I SHALL SHOW YOU...

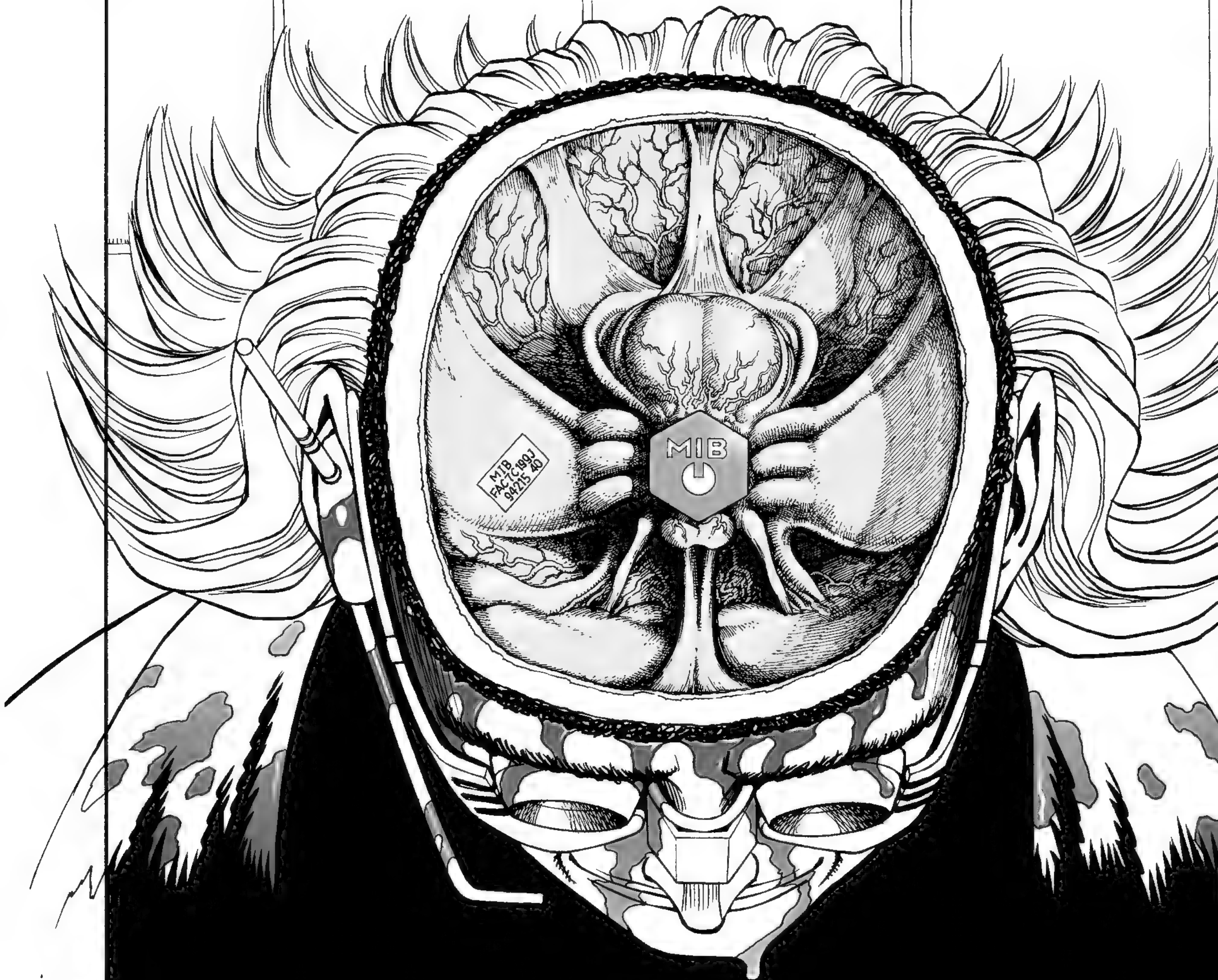
CLICK

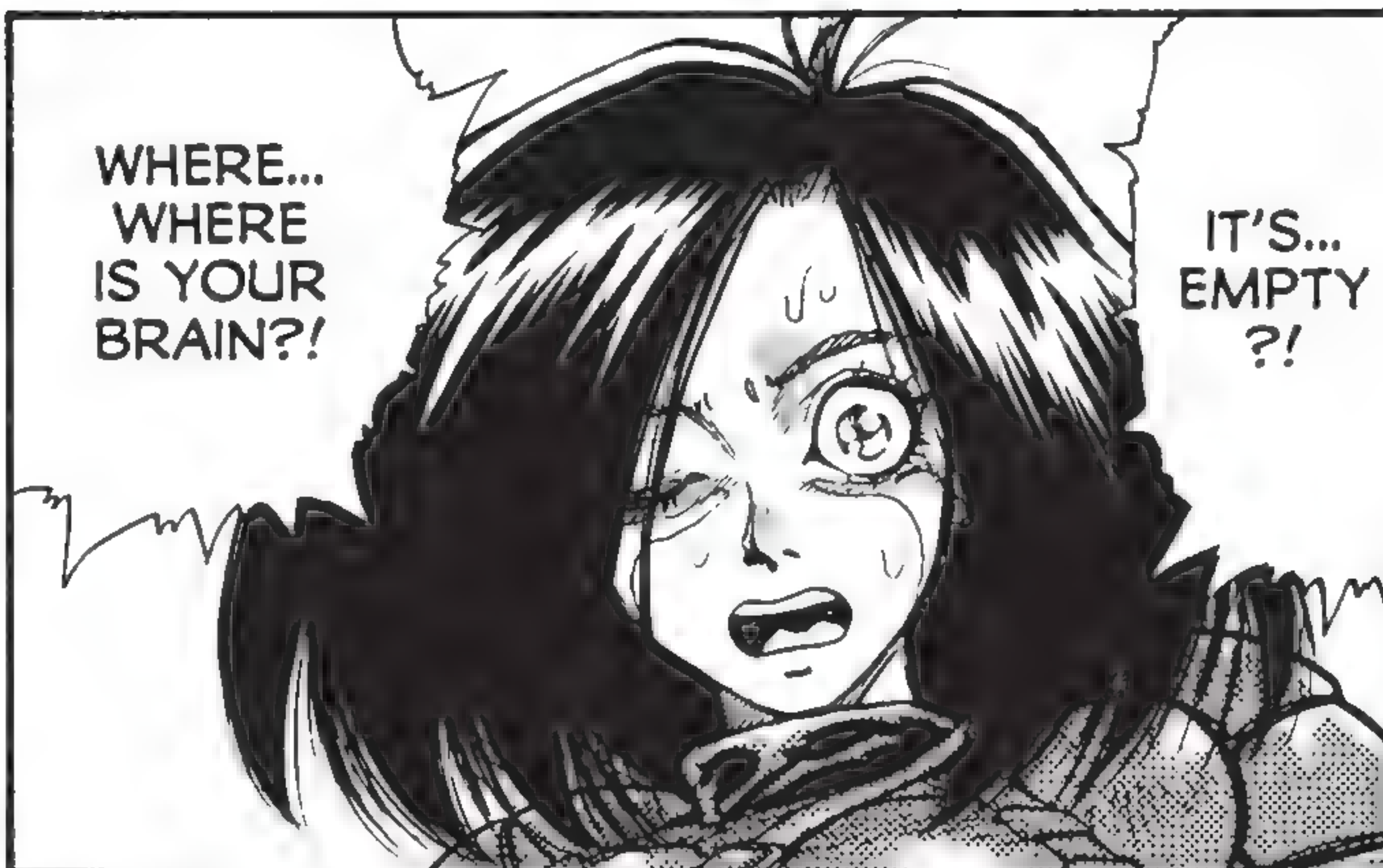


...THE VERY SECRET OF ZALEM THAT TURNED IDO INTO AN INVALID!!



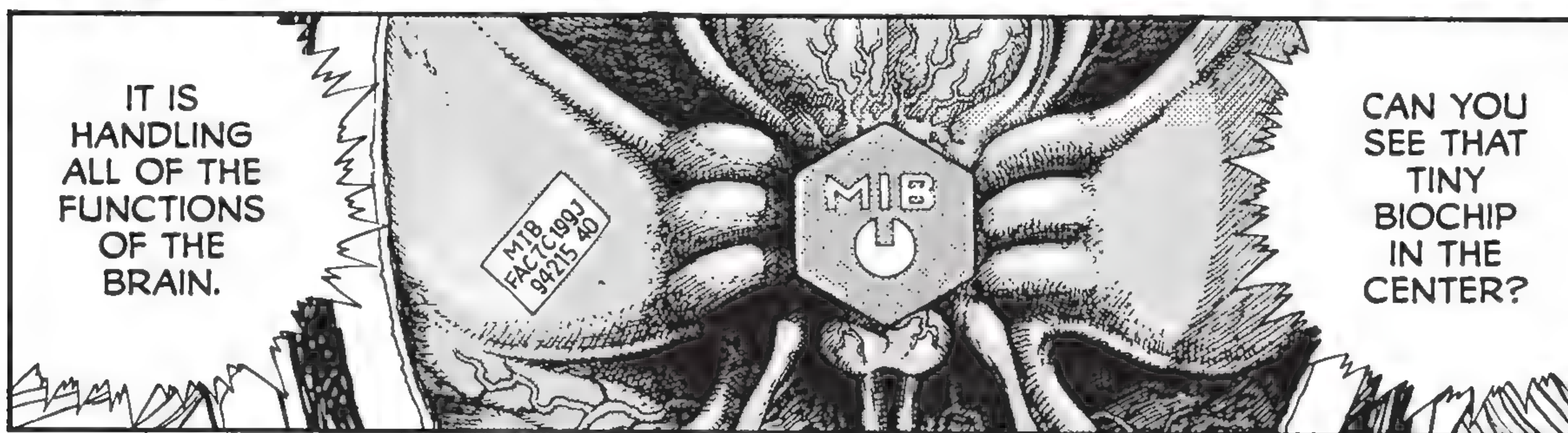
**THE
TRUE
FORM
OF THE
ZALEMITE
MIND!**





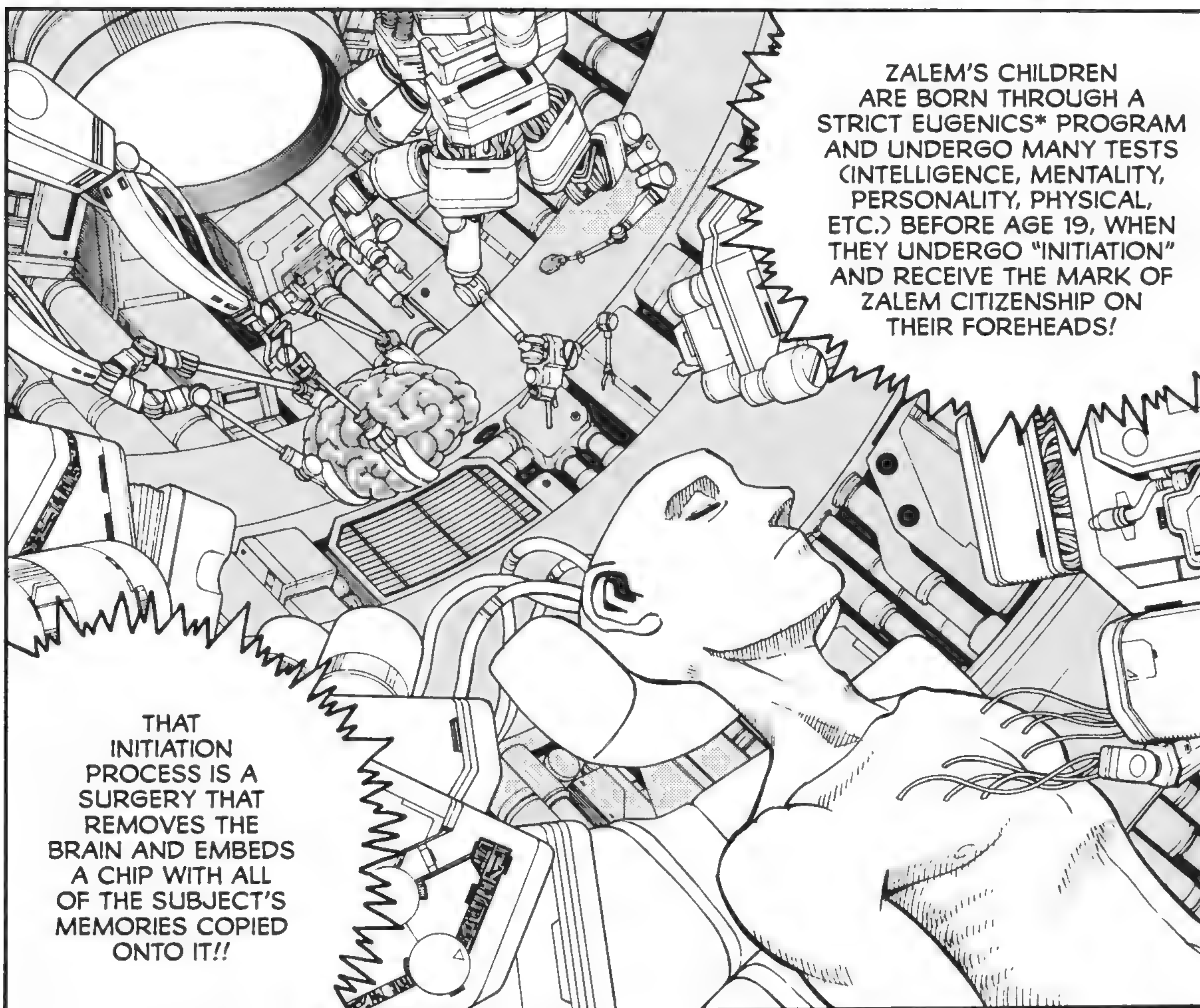
WHERE...
WHERE
IS YOUR
BRAIN?!

IT'S...
EMPTY
?!



IT IS
HANDLING
ALL OF THE
FUNCTIONS OF
THE
BRAIN.

CAN YOU
SEE THAT
TINY
BIOCHIP
IN THE
CENTER?



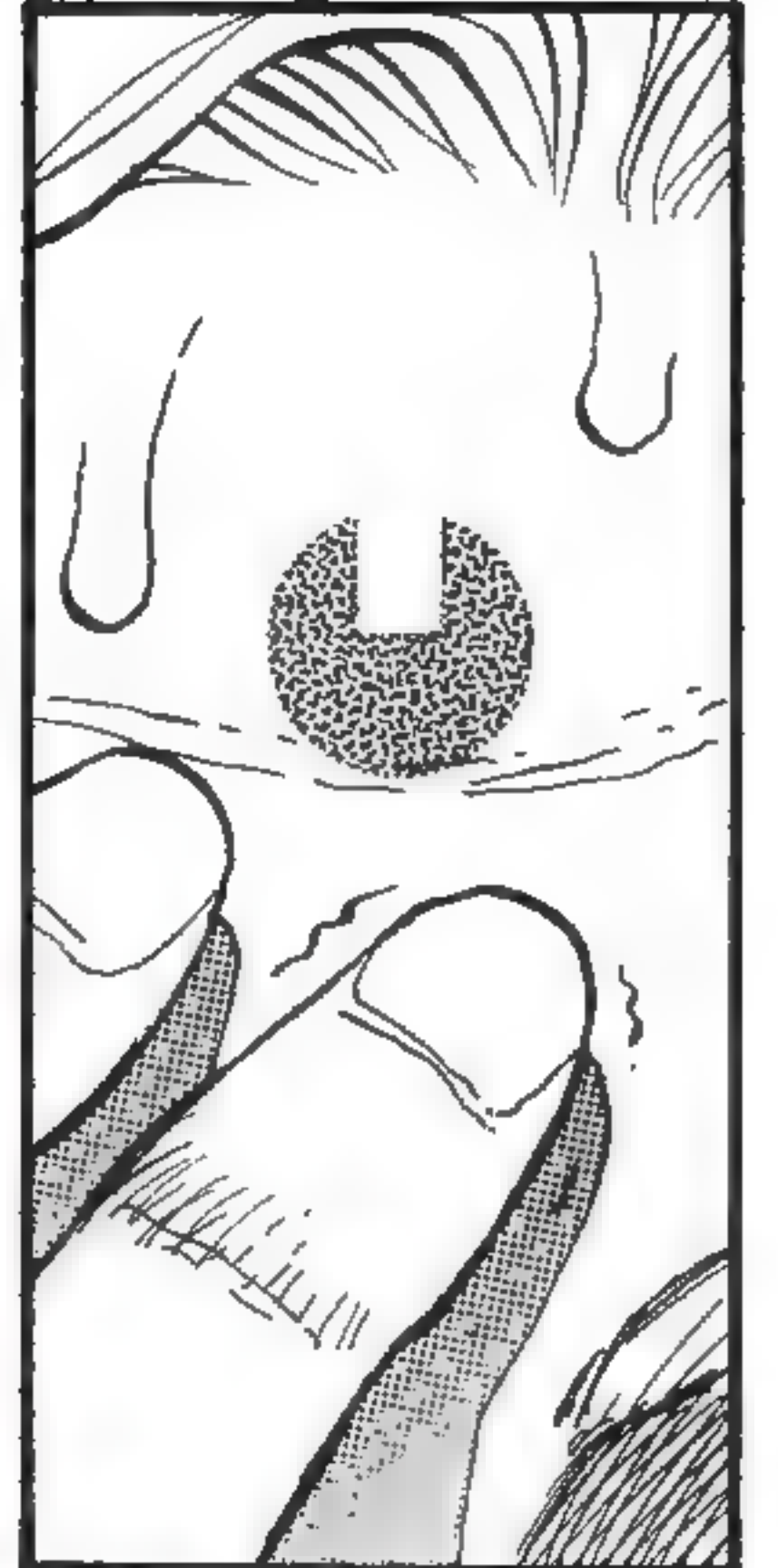
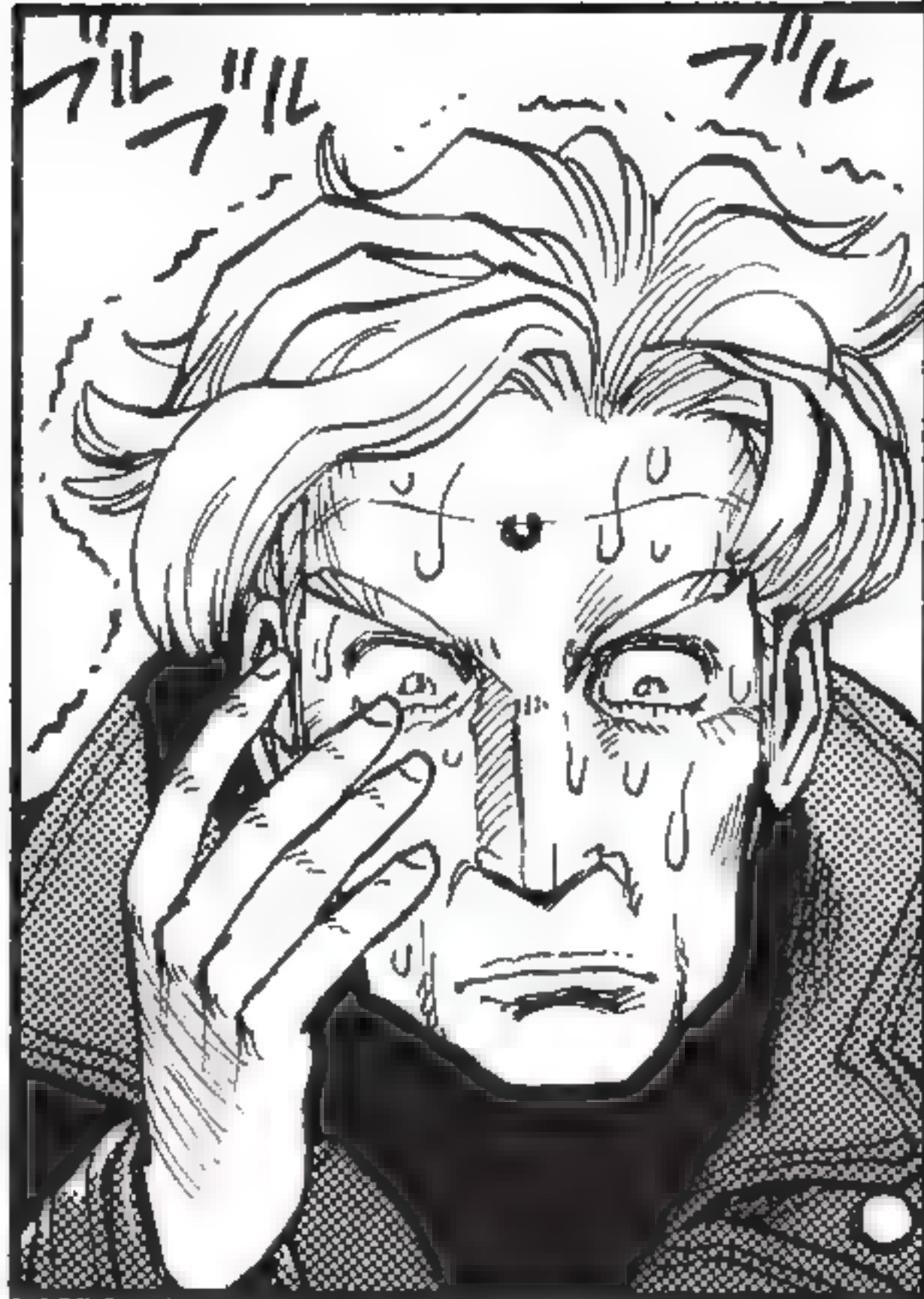
ZALEM'S CHILDREN
ARE BORN THROUGH A
STRICT EUGENICS* PROGRAM
AND UNDERGO MANY TESTS
(INTELLIGENCE, MENTALITY,
PERSONALITY, PHYSICAL,
ETC.) BEFORE AGE 19, WHEN
THEY UNDERGO "INITIATION"
AND RECEIVE THE MARK OF
ZALEM CITIZENSHIP ON
THEIR FOREHEADS!

THAT
INITIATION
PROCESS IS A
SURGERY THAT
REMOVES THE
BRAIN AND EMBEDS
A CHIP WITH ALL
OF THE SUBJECT'S
MEMORIES COPIED
ONTO IT!!

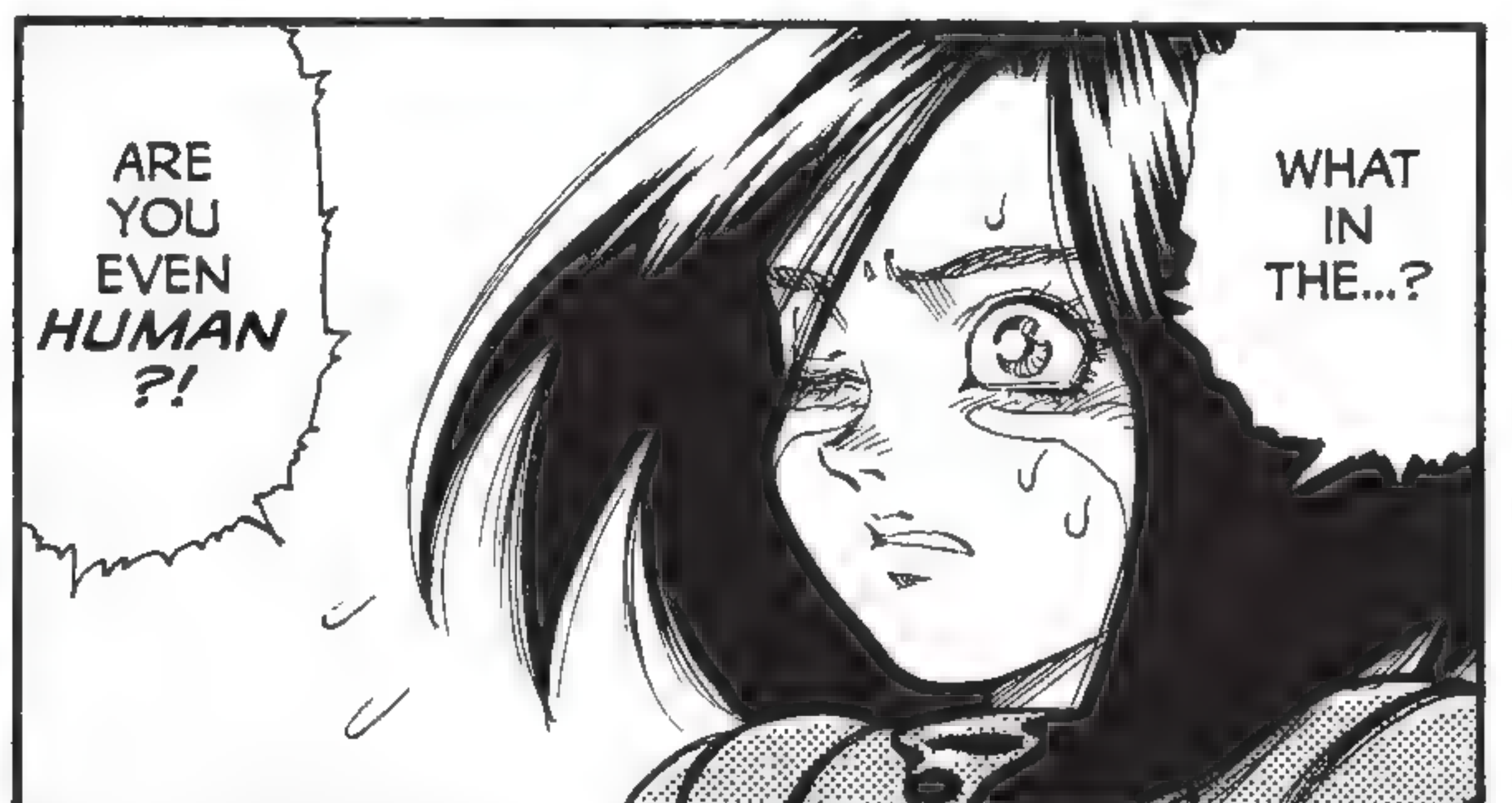
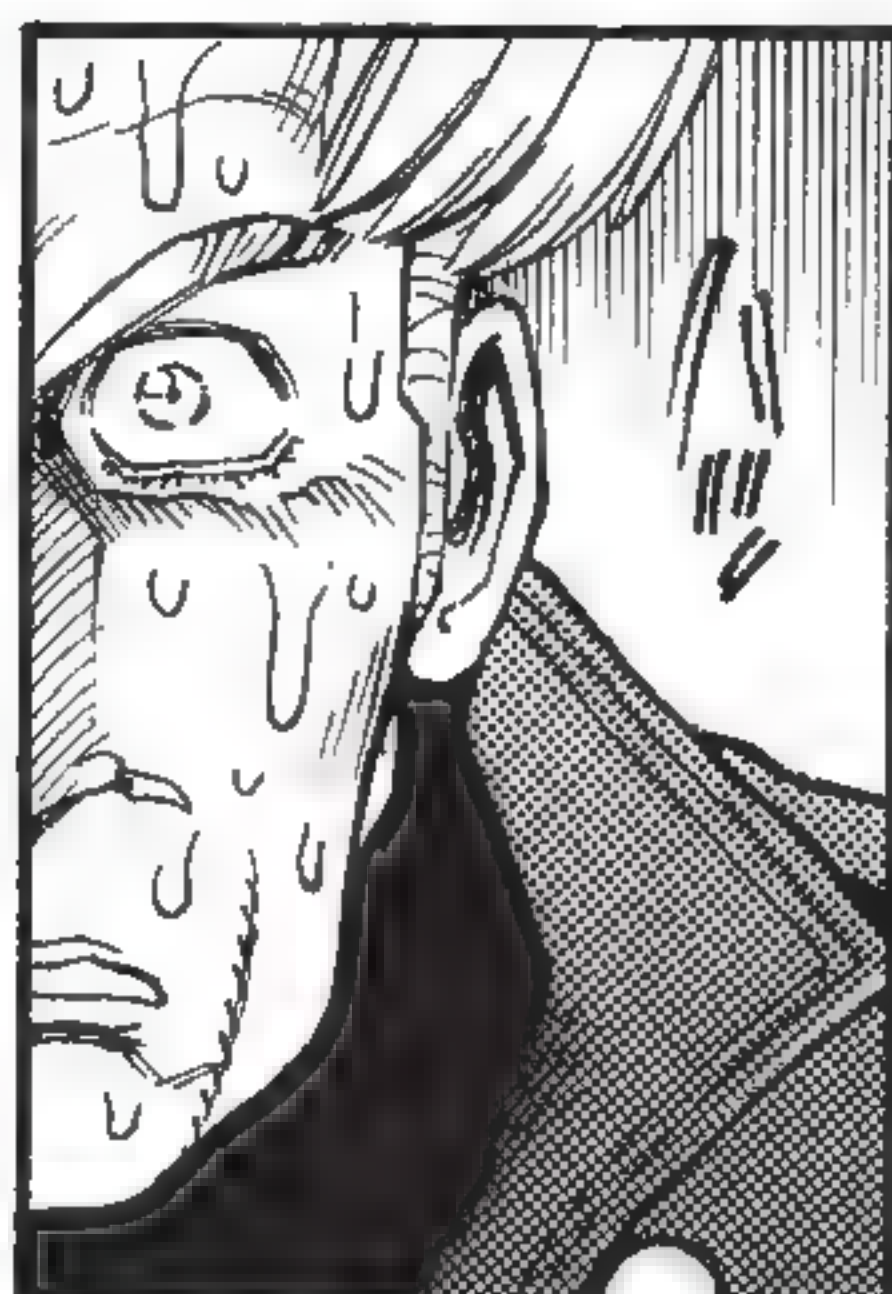
*Eugenics: An area of science dedicated to improving human genetics. It is designed to remove unwanted genetic structures and preserve superior ones.



THE TRUTH
OF THIS PROCESS
IS ENTIRELY HIDDEN
BY THE MEDICAL
INSPECTION
BUREAU!

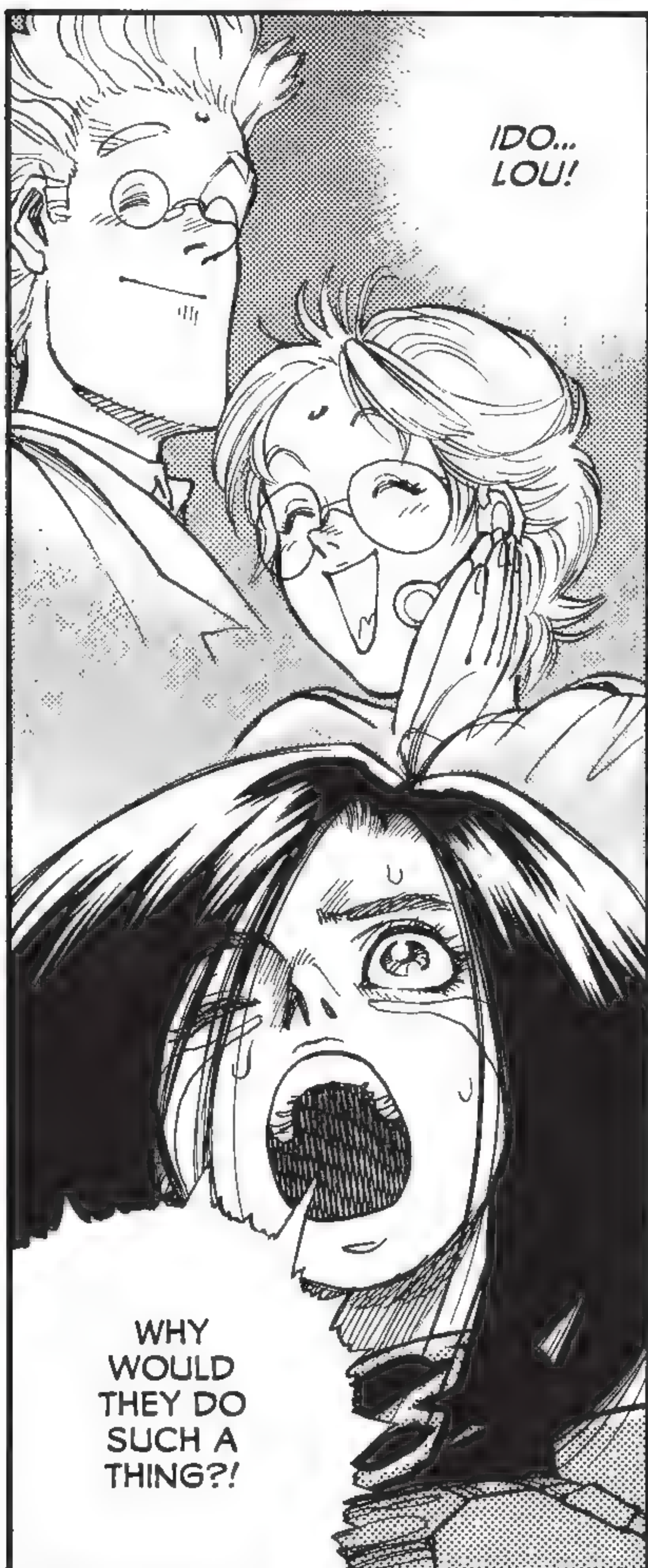


HEH HEH
HEH...



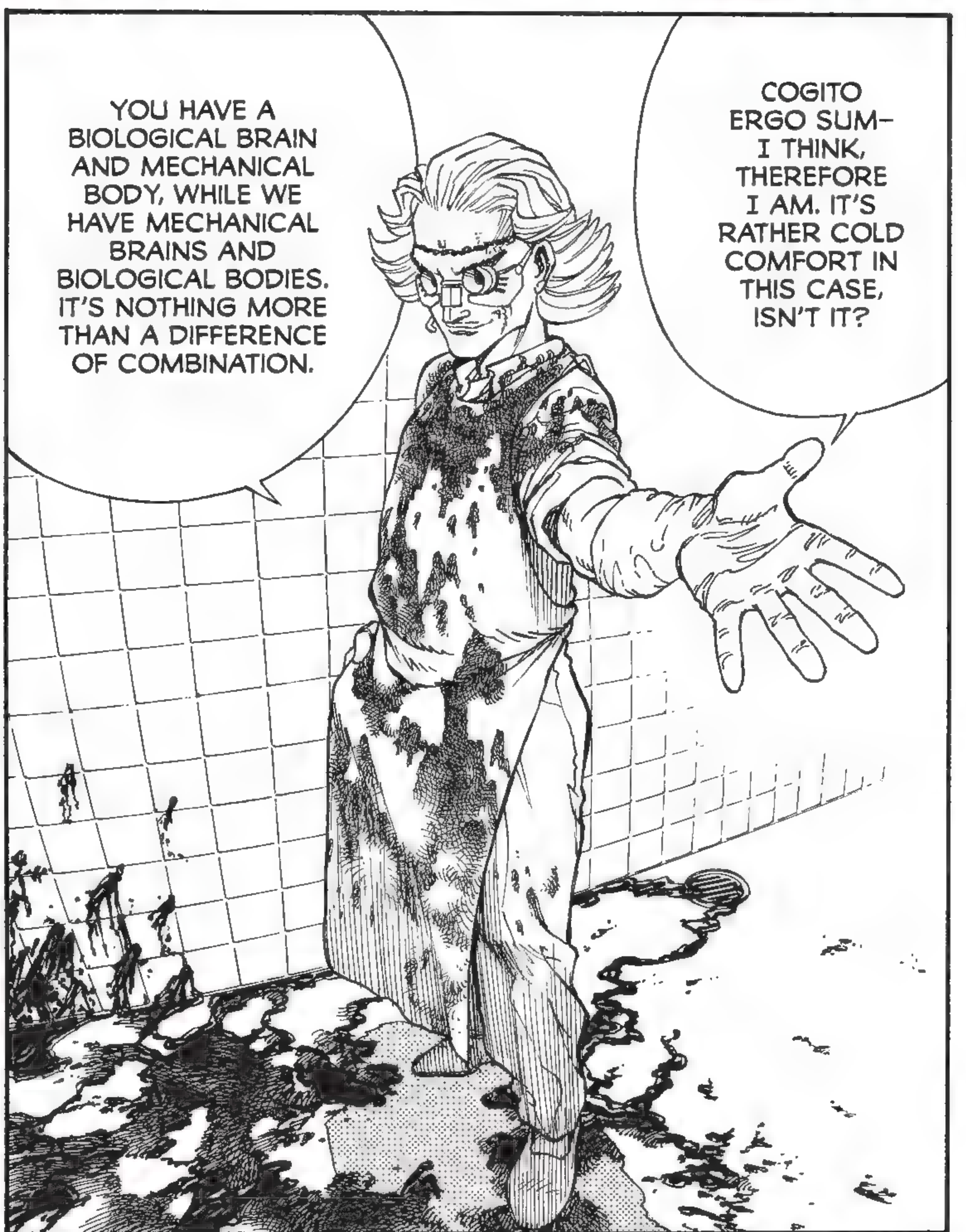
ARE
YOU
EVEN
HUMAN
?!

WHAT
IN
THE...?



IDO...
LOU!

WHY
WOULD
THEY DO
SUCH A
THING?!



YOU HAVE A
BIOLOGICAL BRAIN
AND MECHANICAL
BODY, WHILE WE
HAVE MECHANICAL
BRAINS AND
BIOLOGICAL BODIES.
IT'S NOTHING MORE
THAN A DIFFERENCE
OF COMBINATION.

COGITO
ERGO SUM-
I THINK,
THEREFORE
I AM. IT'S
RATHER COLD
COMFORT IN
THIS CASE,
ISN'T IT?

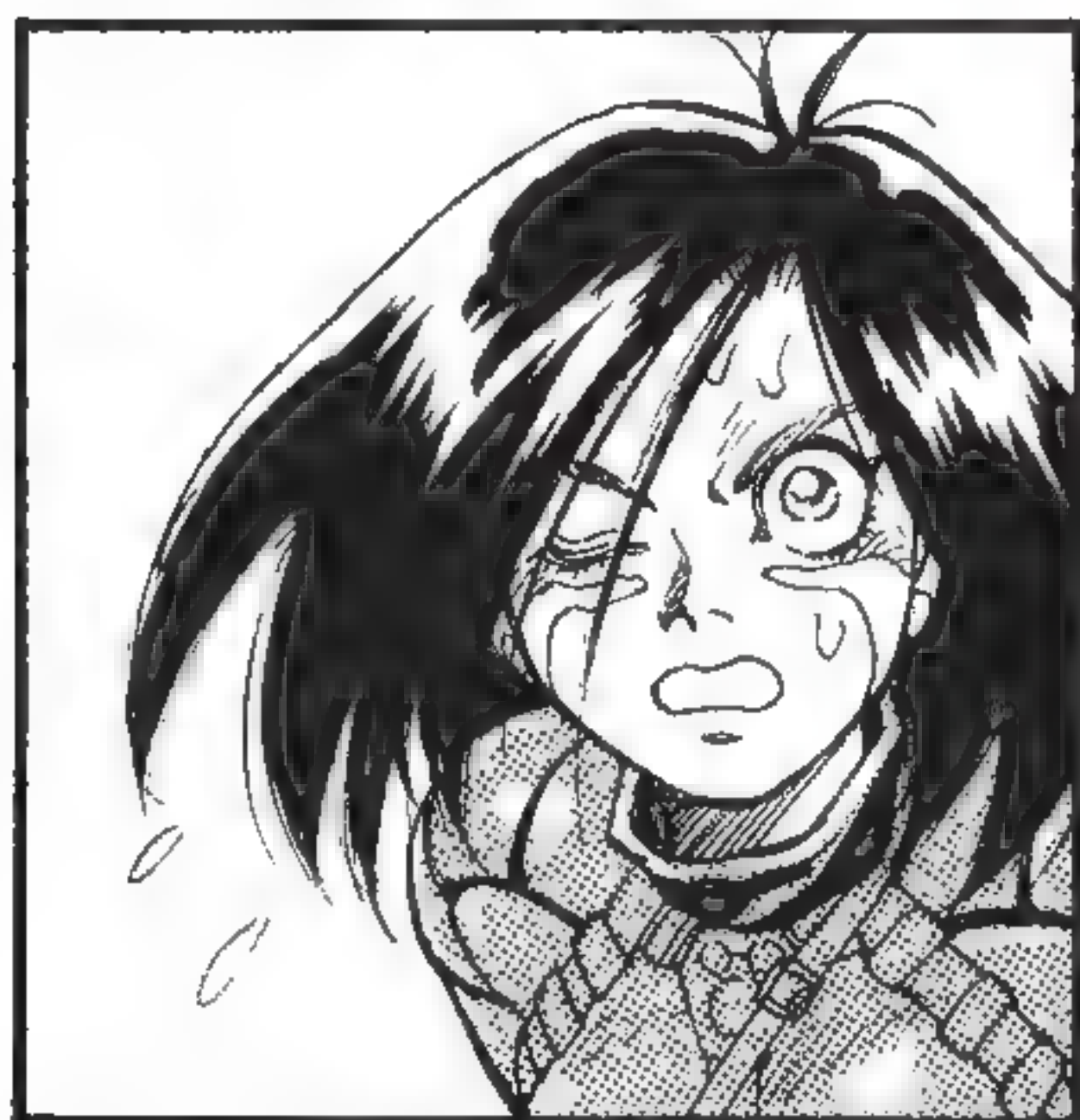
*Cogito ergo sum: A rule proposed by the French philosopher René Descartes that concludes that even if all other information were an illusion, the ability to think proves one's existence. It is a rather shallow idea.

HOWEVER, THERE ARE
VERY RARE CASES OF
FAULTY BRAINCHIPS...
PEOPLE LIKE ME AND
IDO, WHO LOSE THE
BRAKES MEANT TO
KEEP US IN LINE.

THESE
BRAINCHIPS
REGULATE AND
STANDARDIZE THE
CITIZENSHIP'S
ABILITIES AND
ALLOW FOR
PERFECT MANAGE-
MENT OF THE CITY
WITH ABSOLUTELY
NO STRESS.



LEARNING THIS
FACT LED FATHER
TO FLEE ZALEM
AND BEGIN HIS
RESEARCH ON
KARMA...



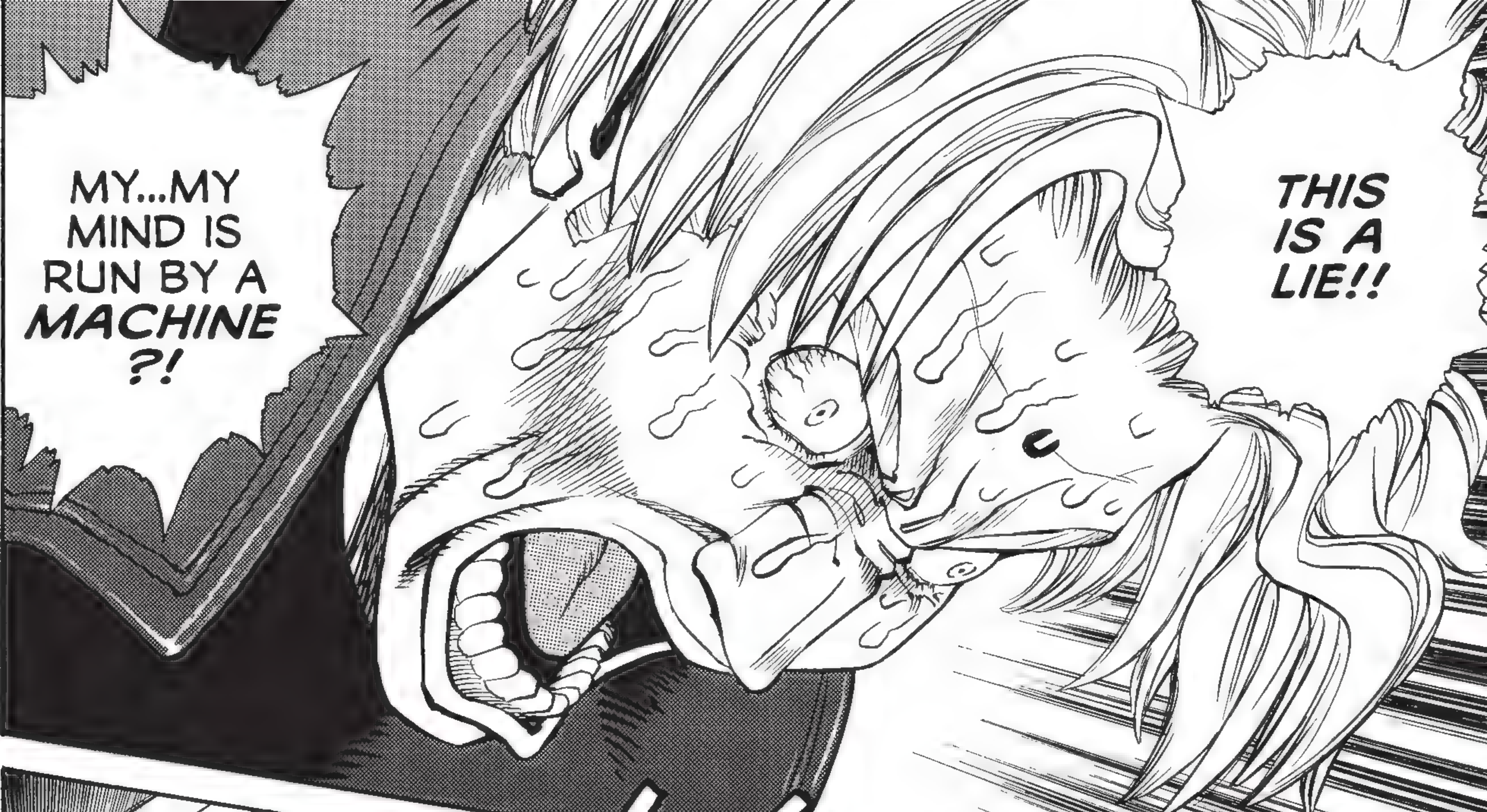
SADLY,
I DO NOT
HAVE THE
ANSWERS
TO THESE
QUESTIONS.

MY ONLY
WORKING
HYPOTHESIS
IS THAT
ZALEM IS AN
ENORMOUS
EXPERIMENT...

SO WHAT
IS ZALEM?

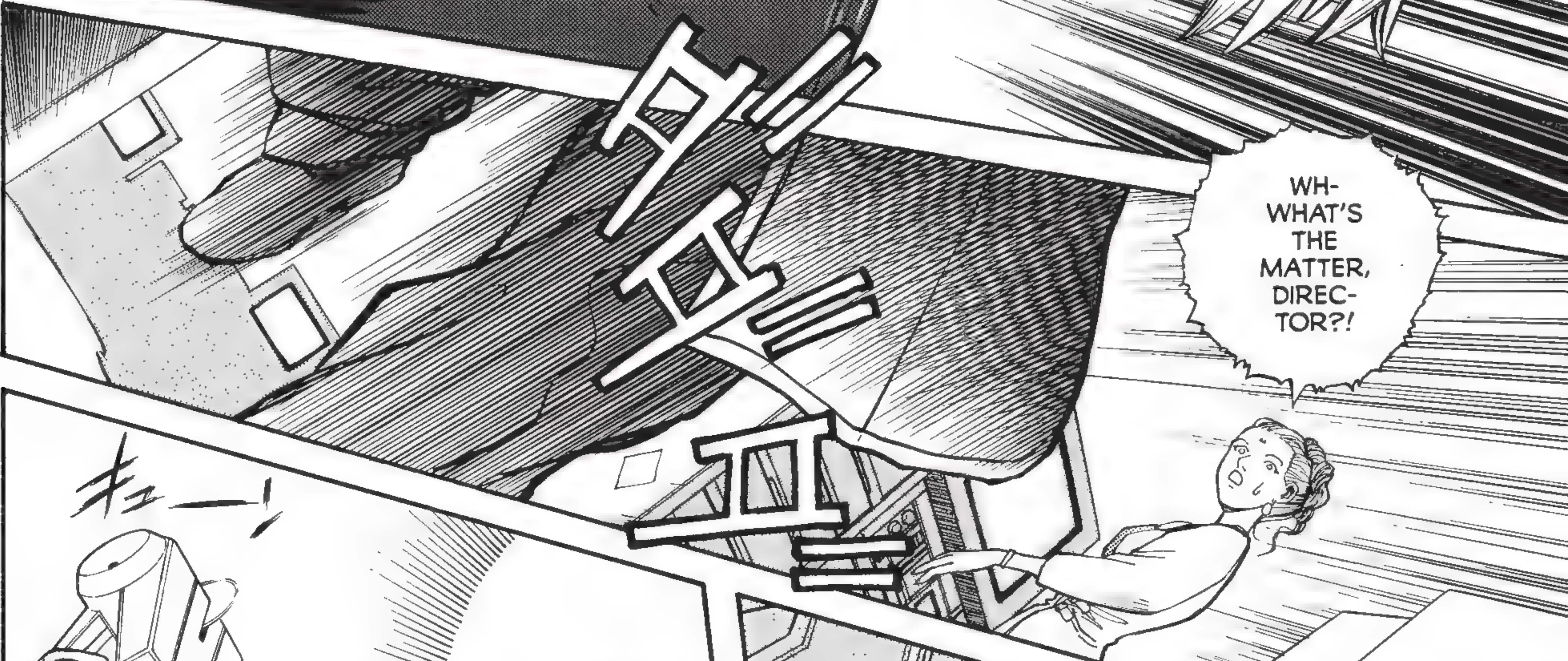
...AND THAT
WE ZALEMITES
ARE MERELY
ITS GUINEA
PIGS.

WHO
BUILT
IT, AND
WHY?

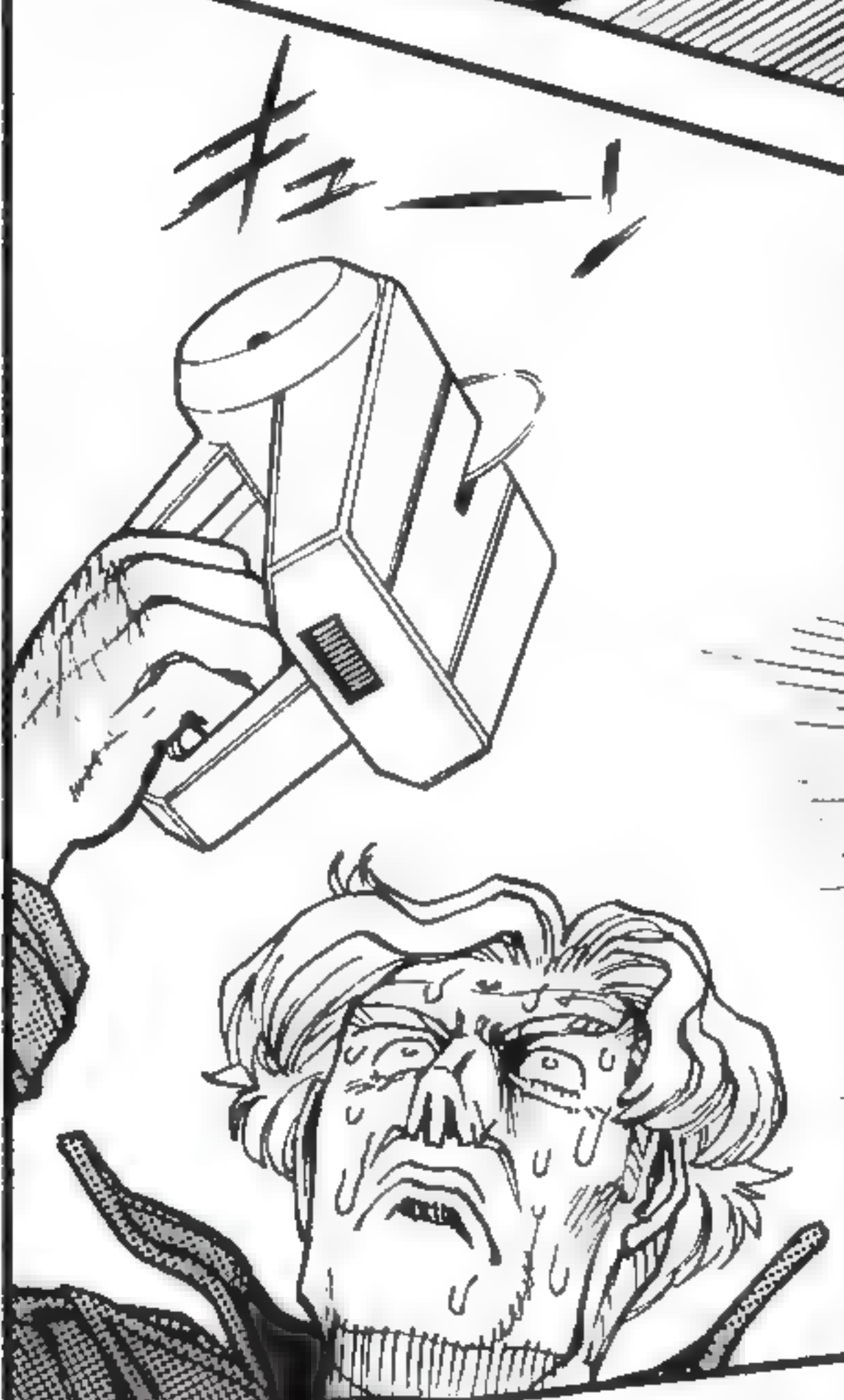


MY...MY
MIND IS
RUN BY A
MACHINE
?!

**THIS
IS A
LIE!!**



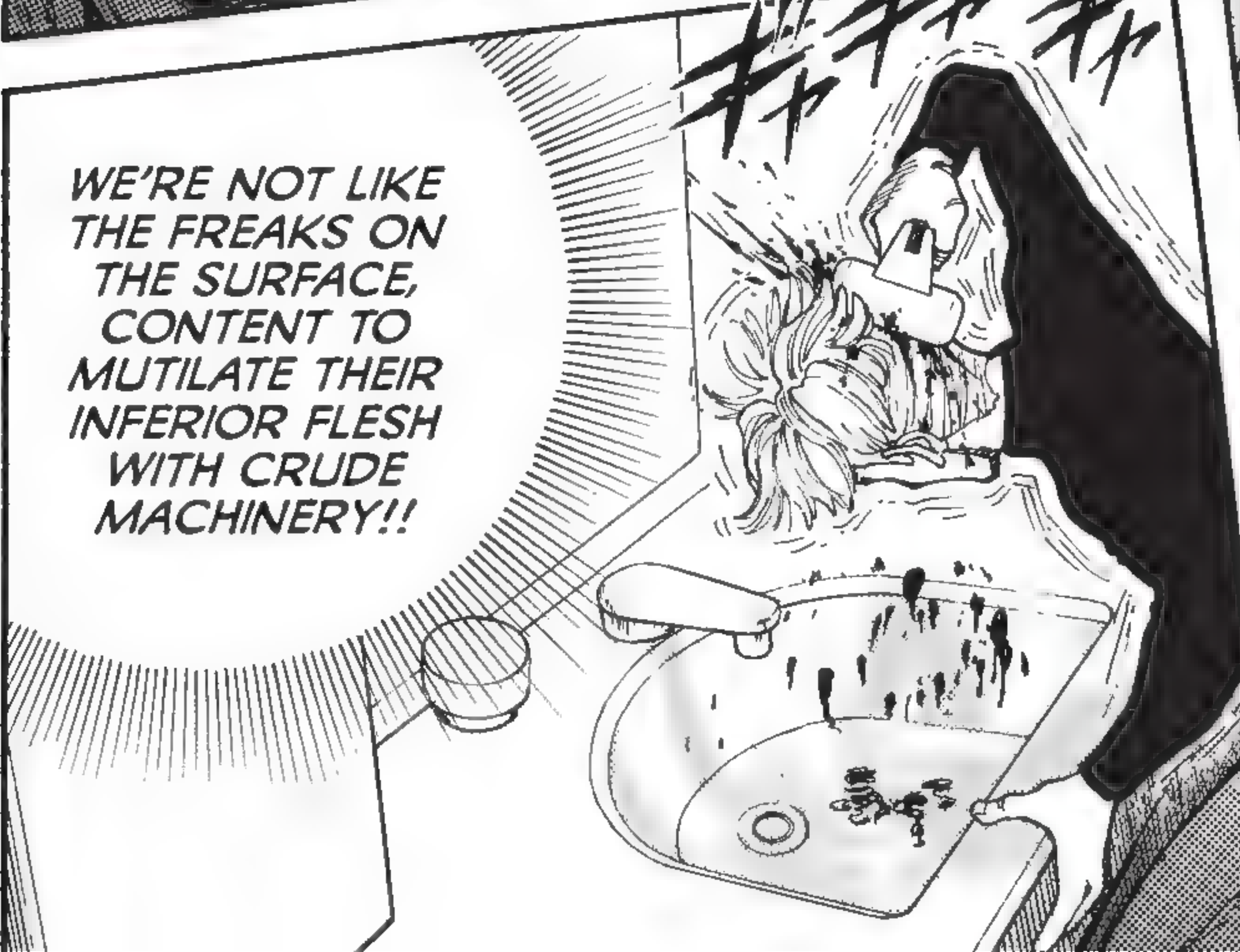
WH-
WHAT'S
THE
MATTER,
DIRECT-
TOR?!



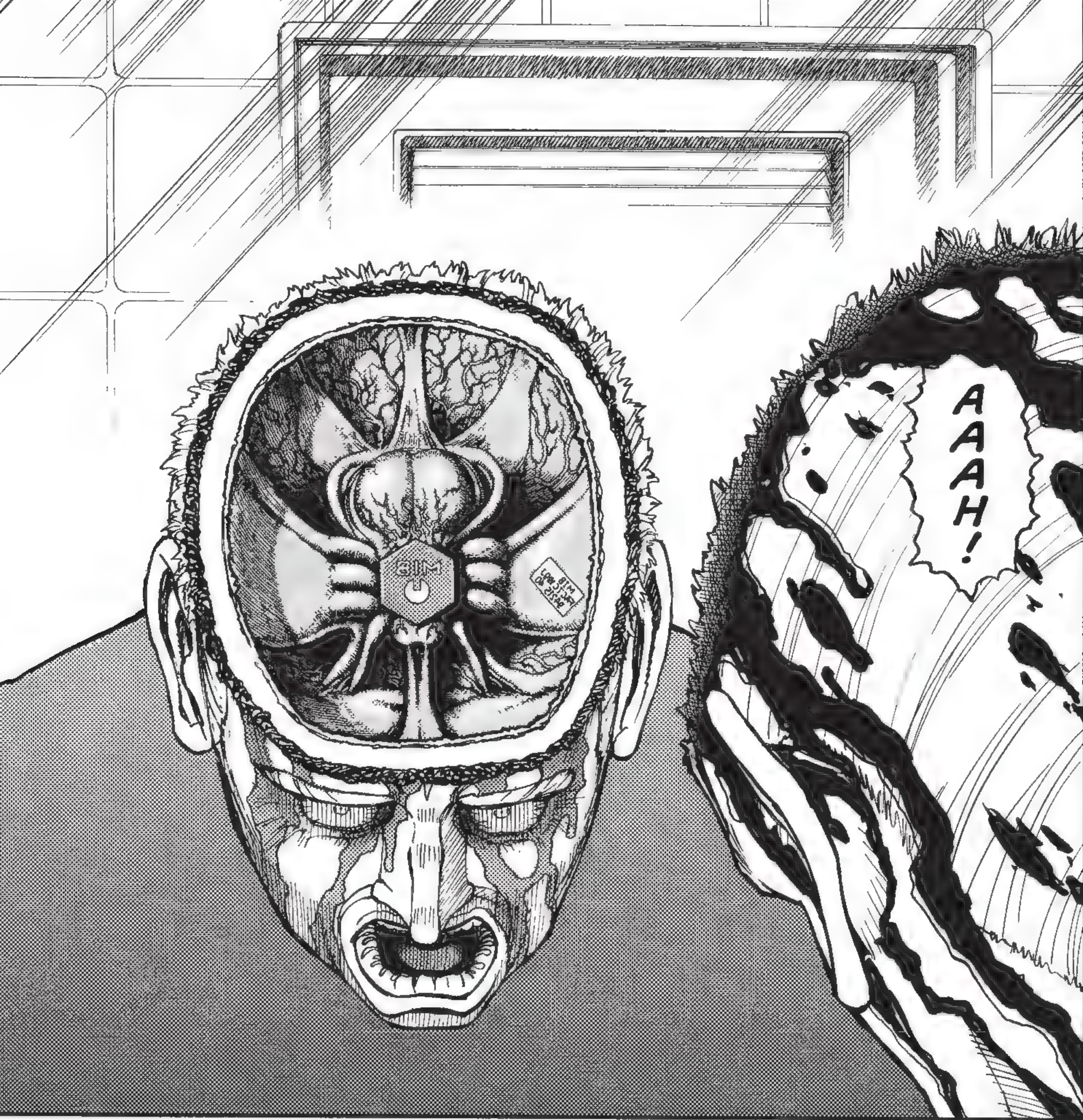
HEALTHY
MINDS,
HEALTHY
BODIES!
THIS IS THE
MOTTO OF ALL
ZALEMITES!!



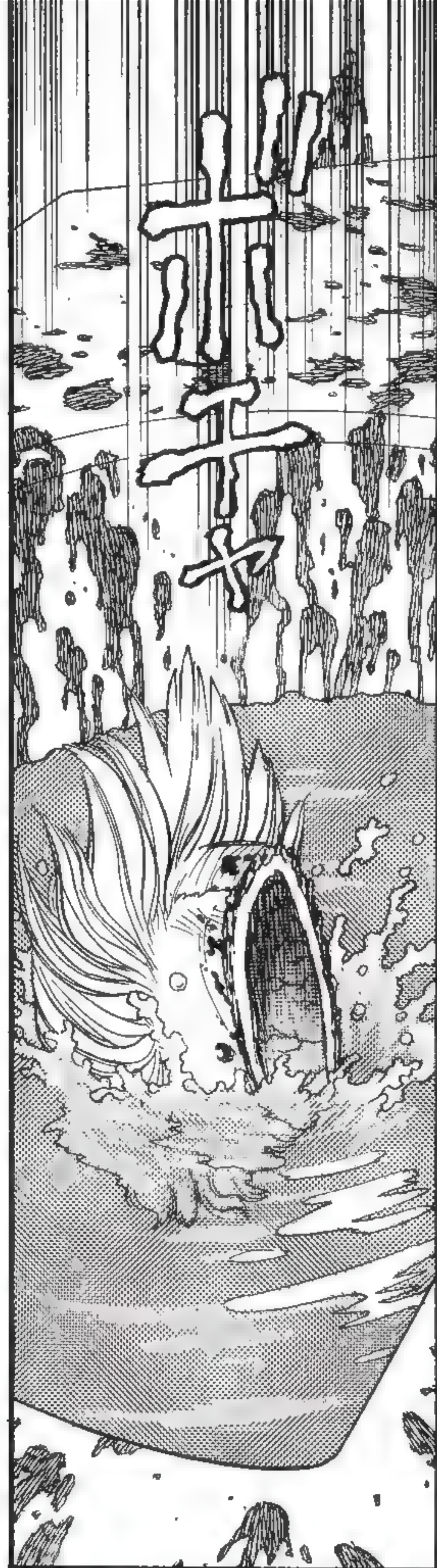
THIS IS PRE-
POSTEROUS!
IT CAN'T BE
TRUE!!



WE'RE NOT LIKE
THE FREAKS ON
THE SURFACE,
CONTENT TO
MUTILATE THEIR
INFERIOR FLESH
WITH CRUDE
MACHINERY!!

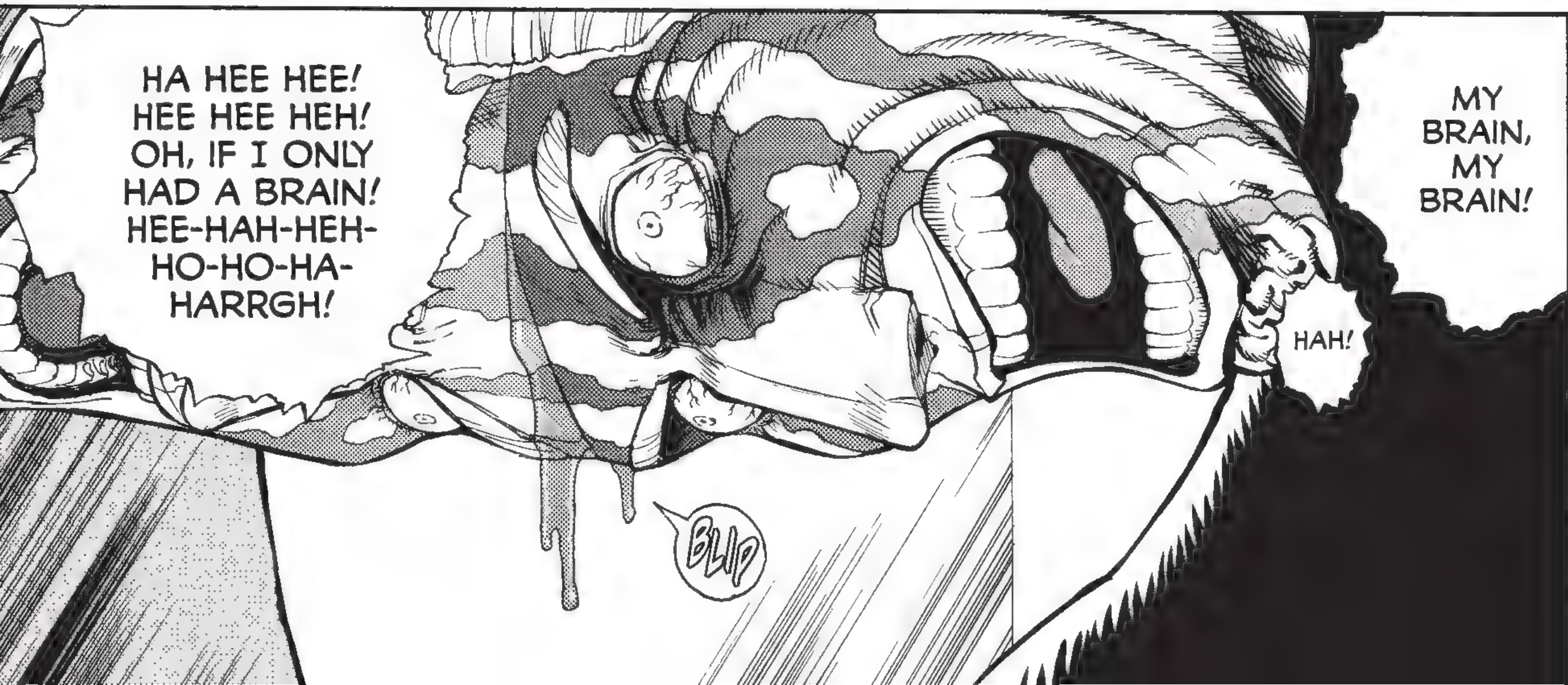
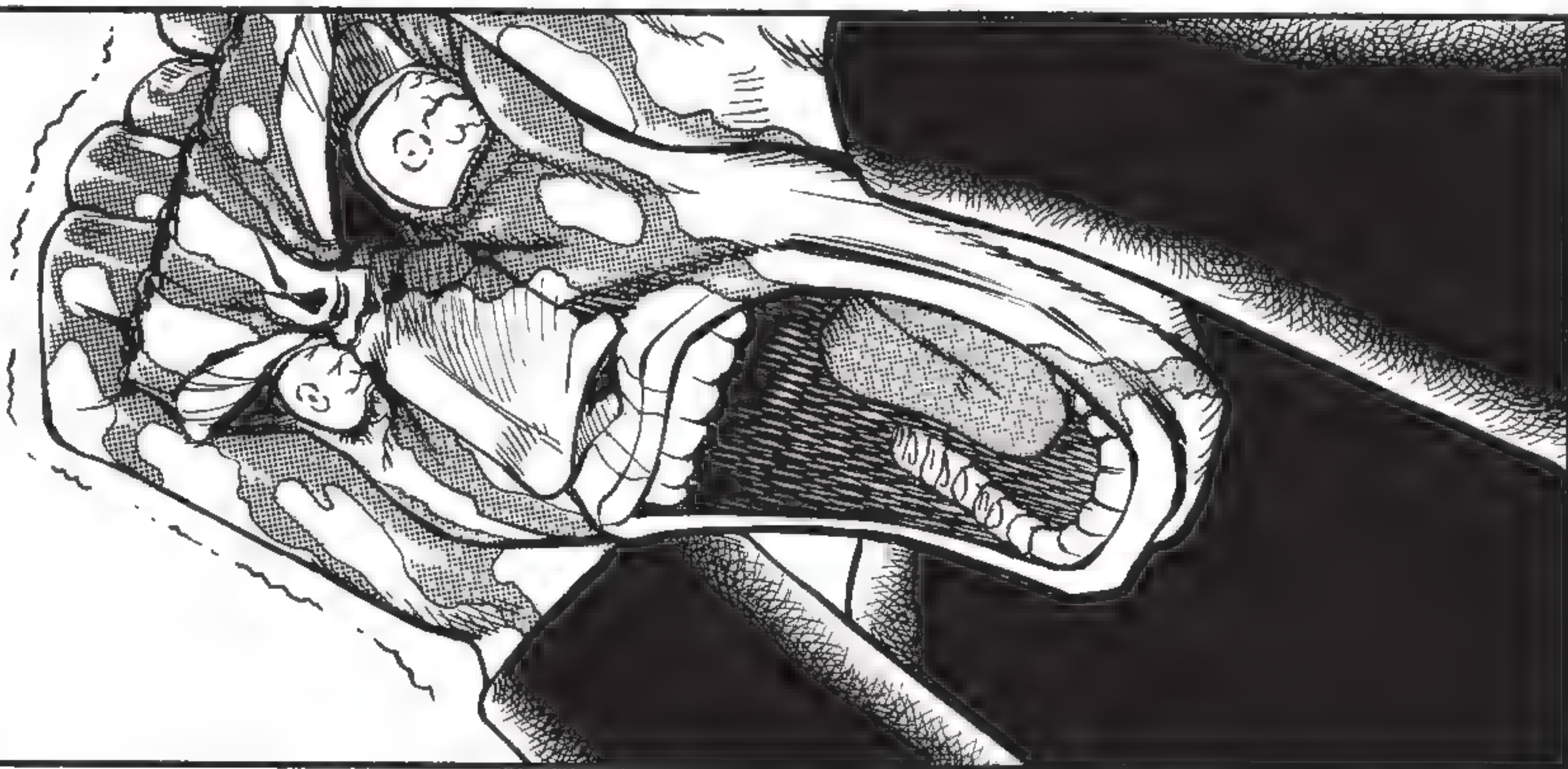


AAAH!



NO!

MY
BRAAAAIN!

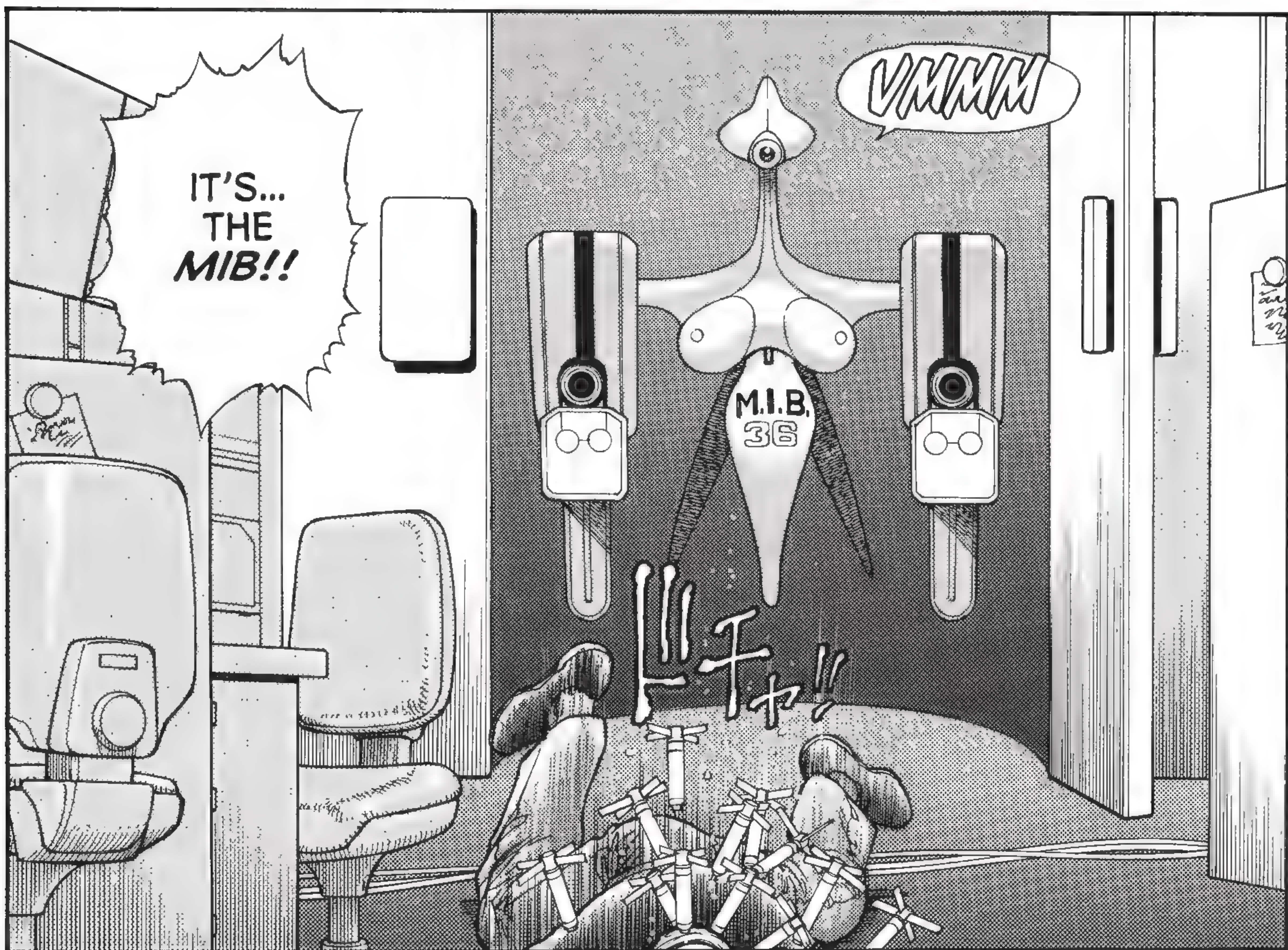
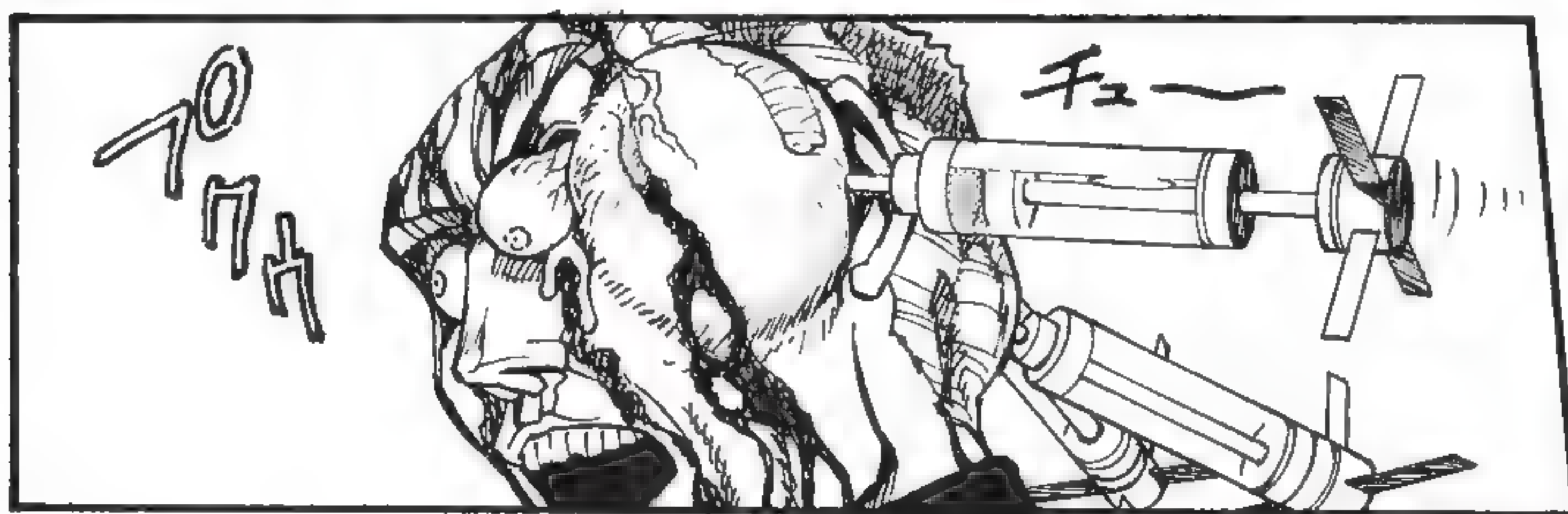


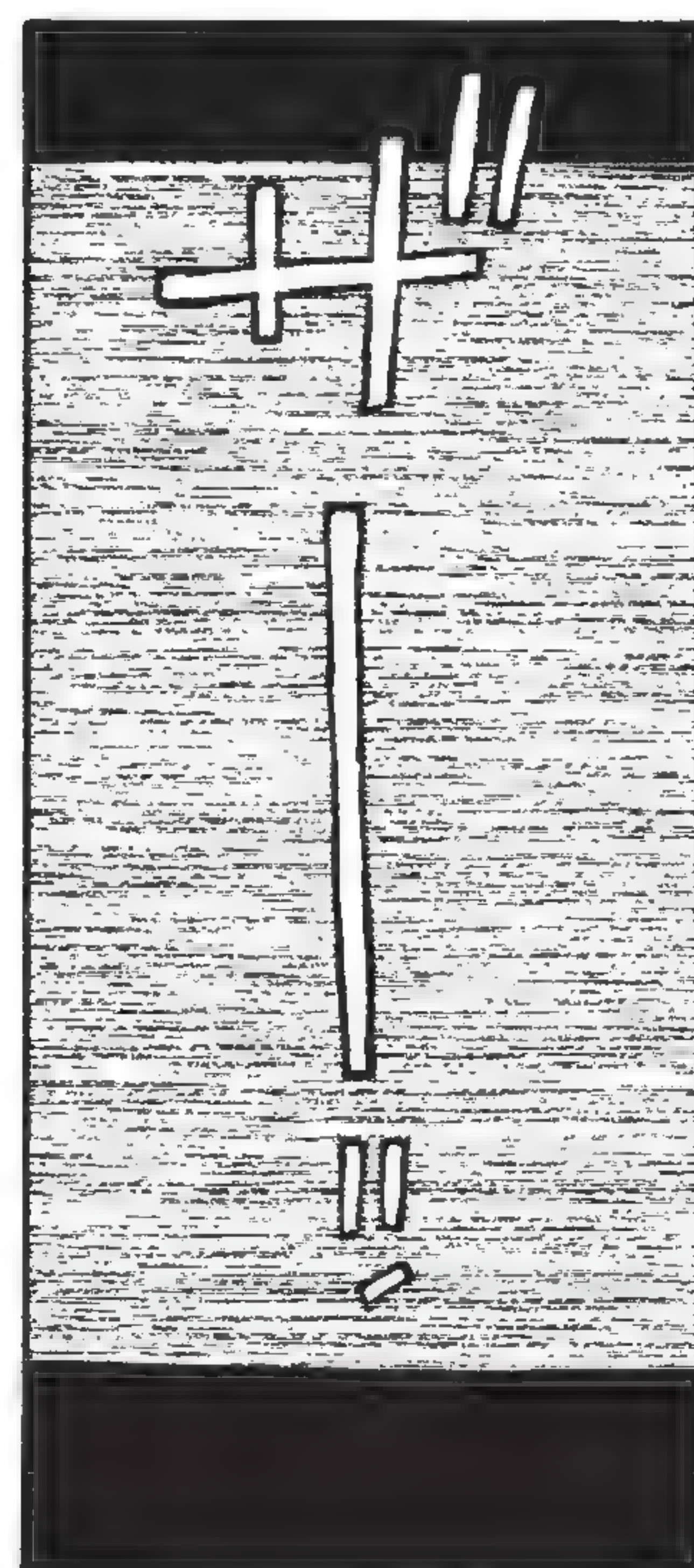
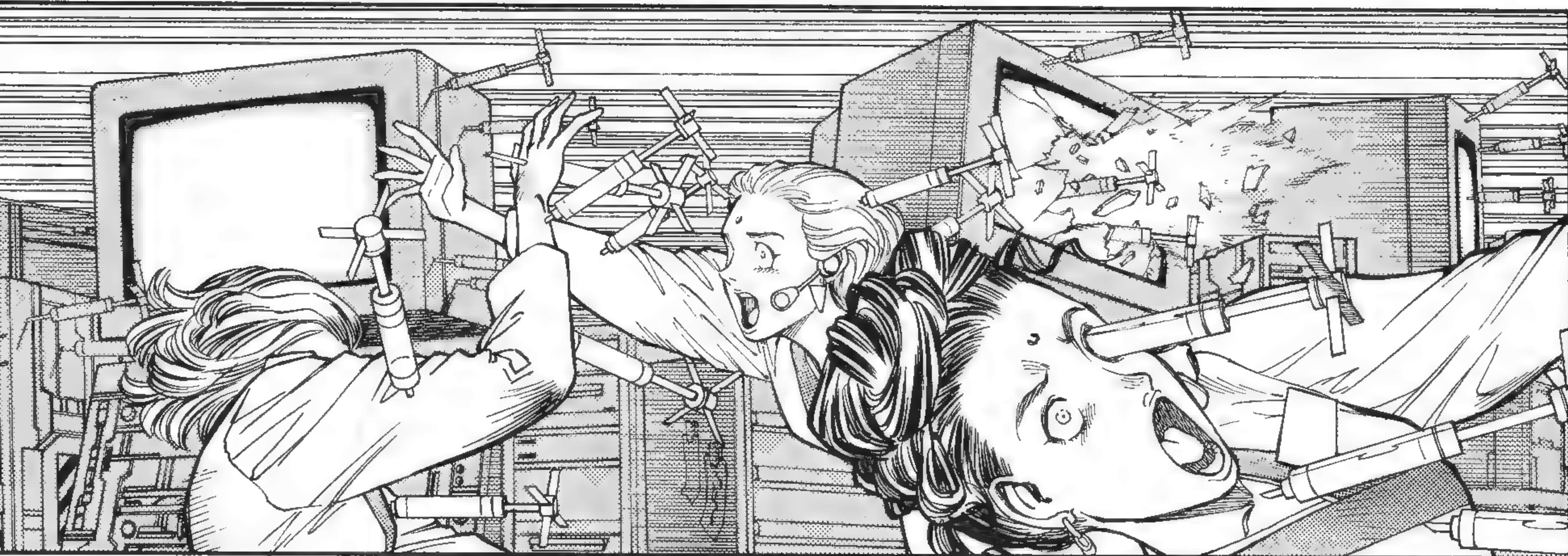
HA HEE HEE!
HEE HEE HEH!
OH, IF I ONLY
HAD A BRAIN!
HEE-HAH-HEH-
HO-HO-HA-
HARRGH!

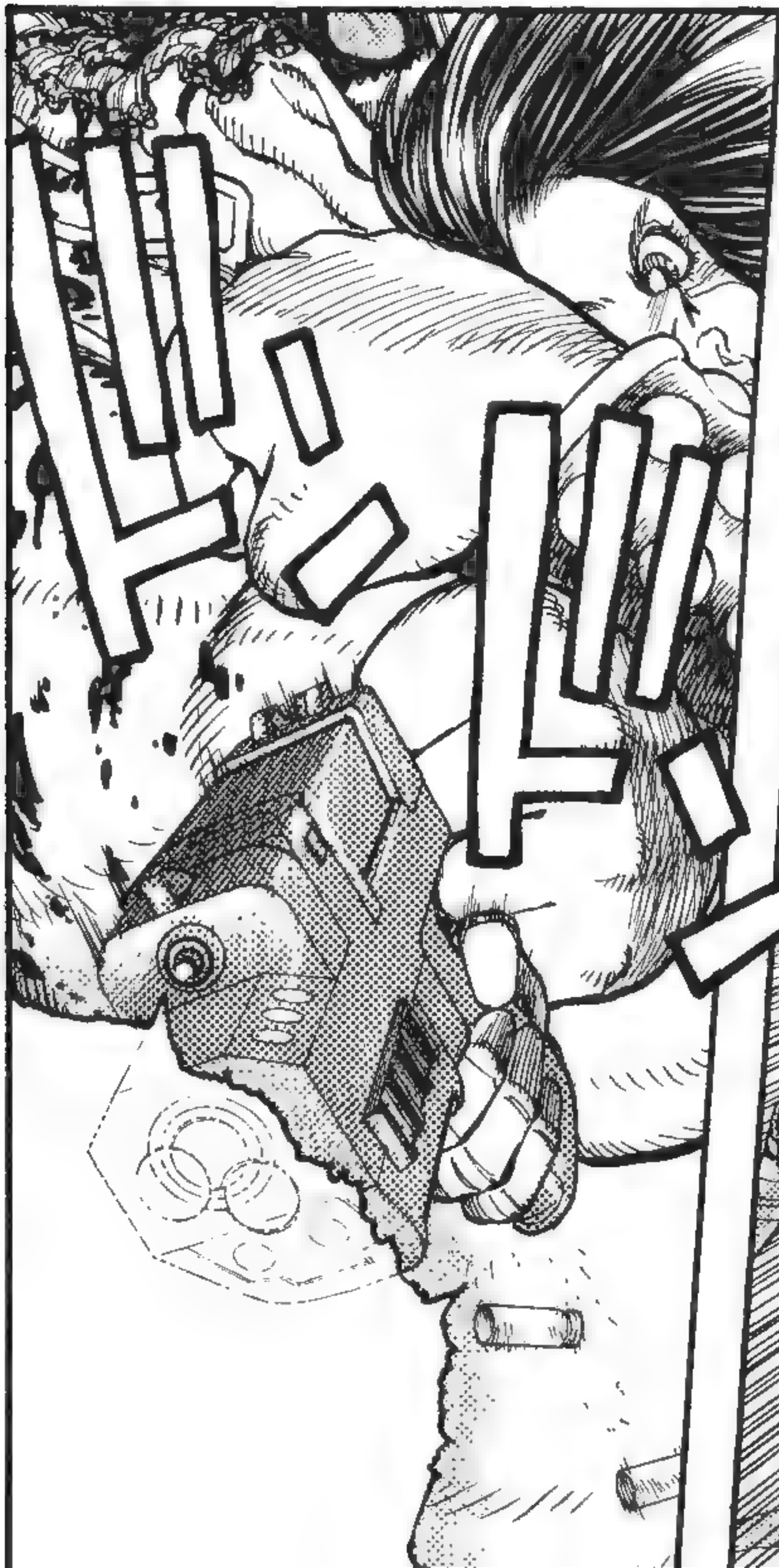
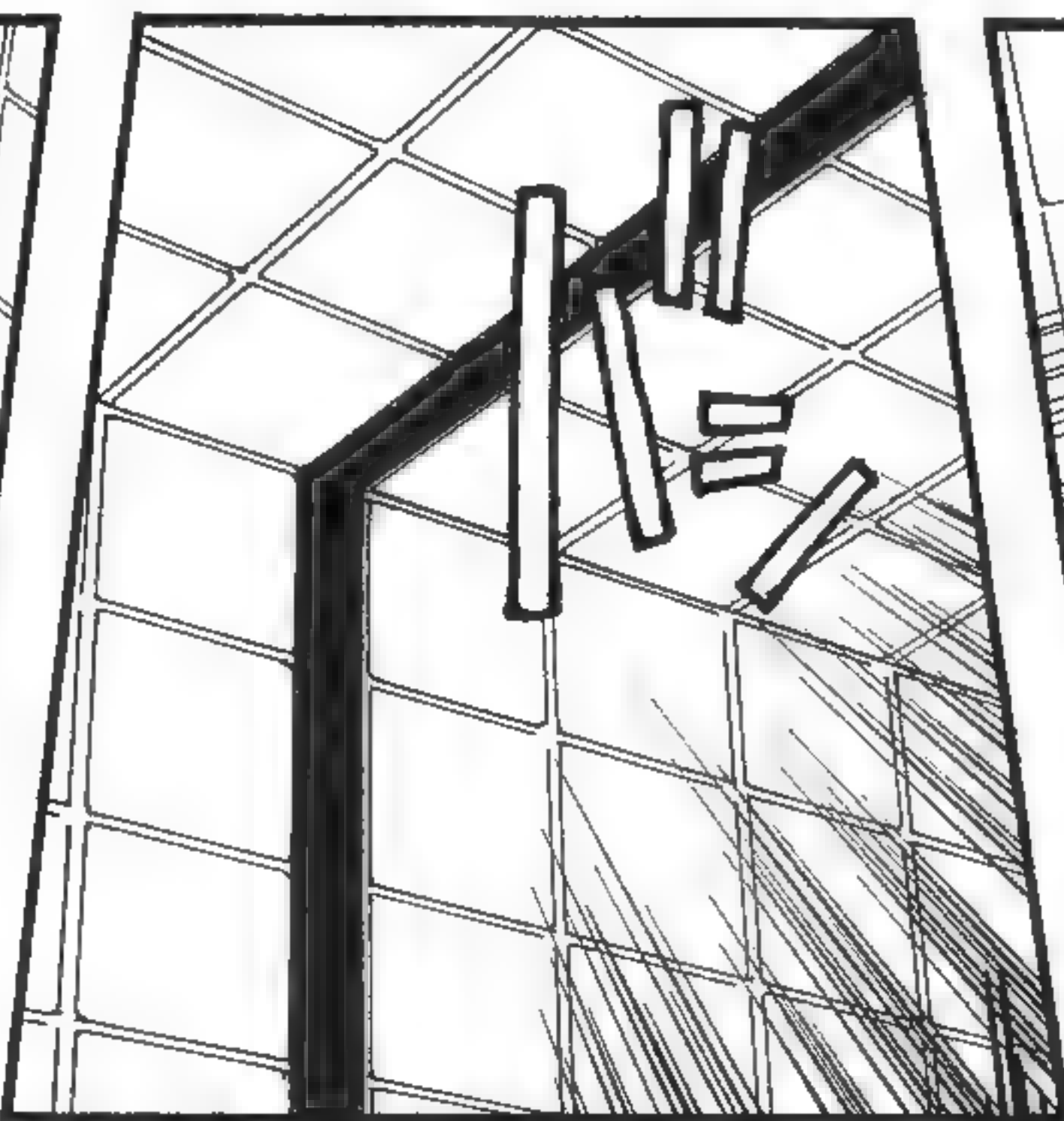
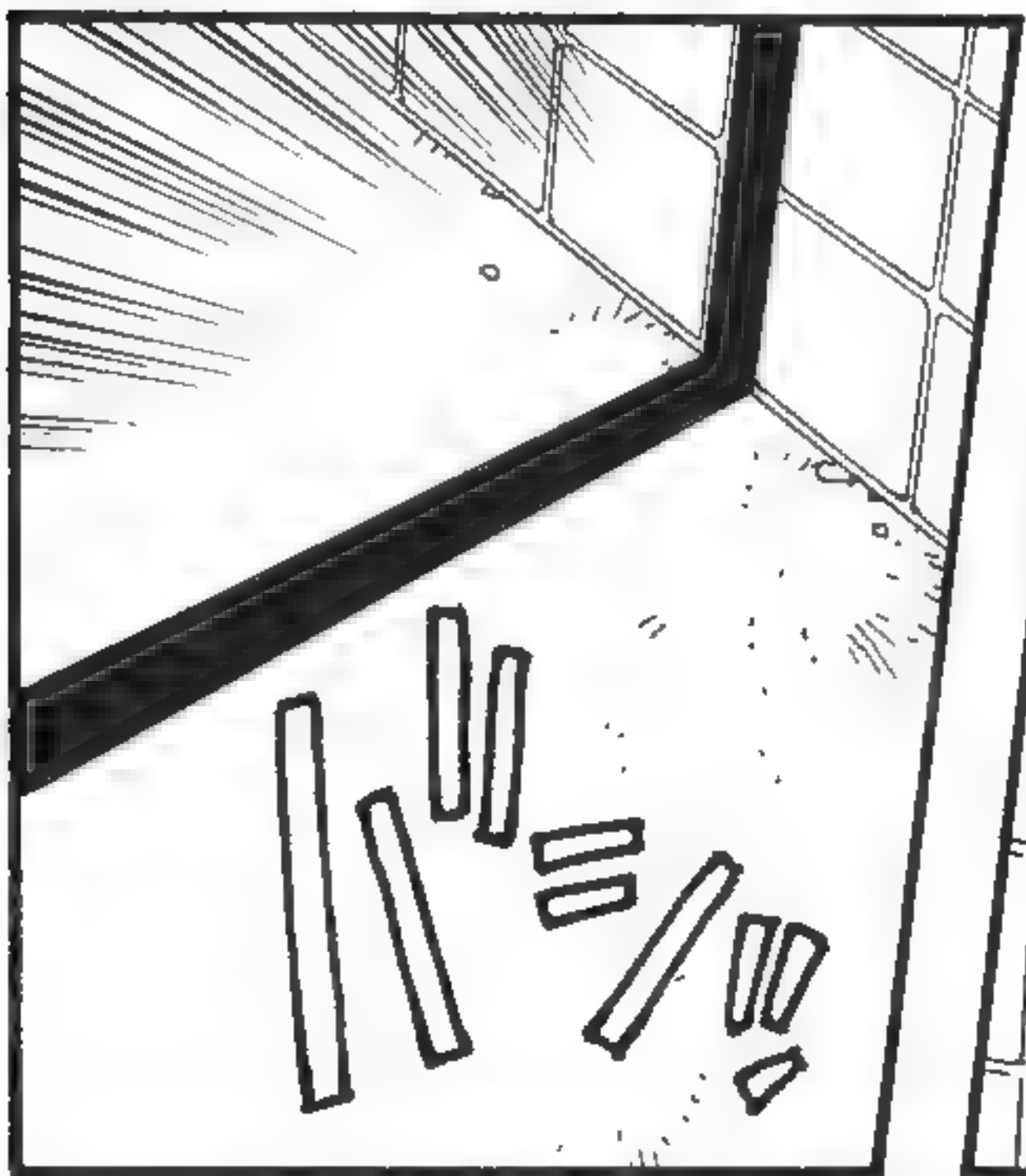
MY
BRAIN,
MY
BRAIN!

HAH!

BLIP









GANK

MERE
PISTOLS
CANNOT
BREACH
THIS WALL
OF ULTRA-
PRESSURIZED
WATER!

I'VE LIVED
TOO LONG
TO MEET
MY END IN
A PLACE
LIKE *THIS!*



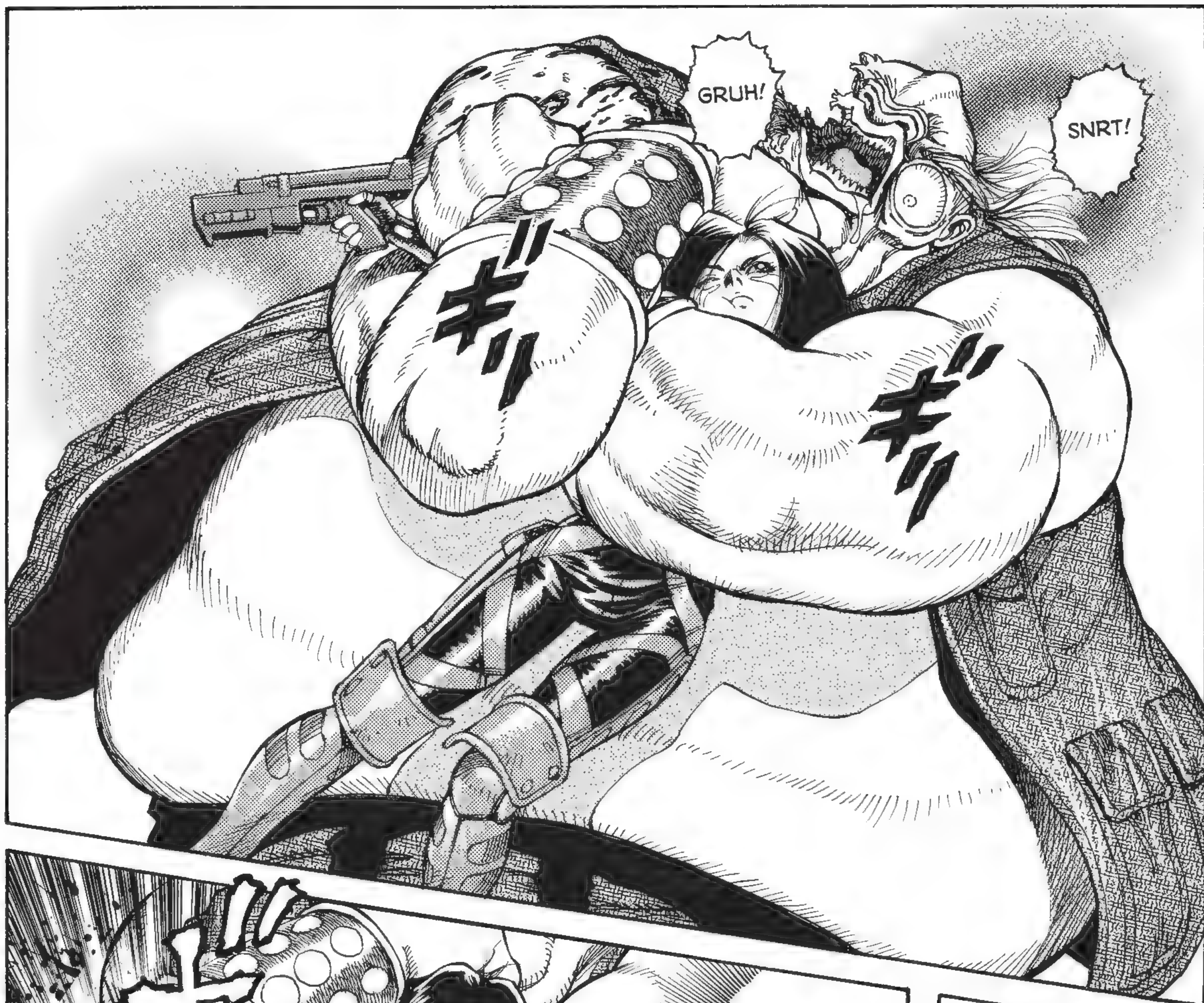
SO
LONG!



KYA
HA
HA
HA!



NOVA-
AAA!!

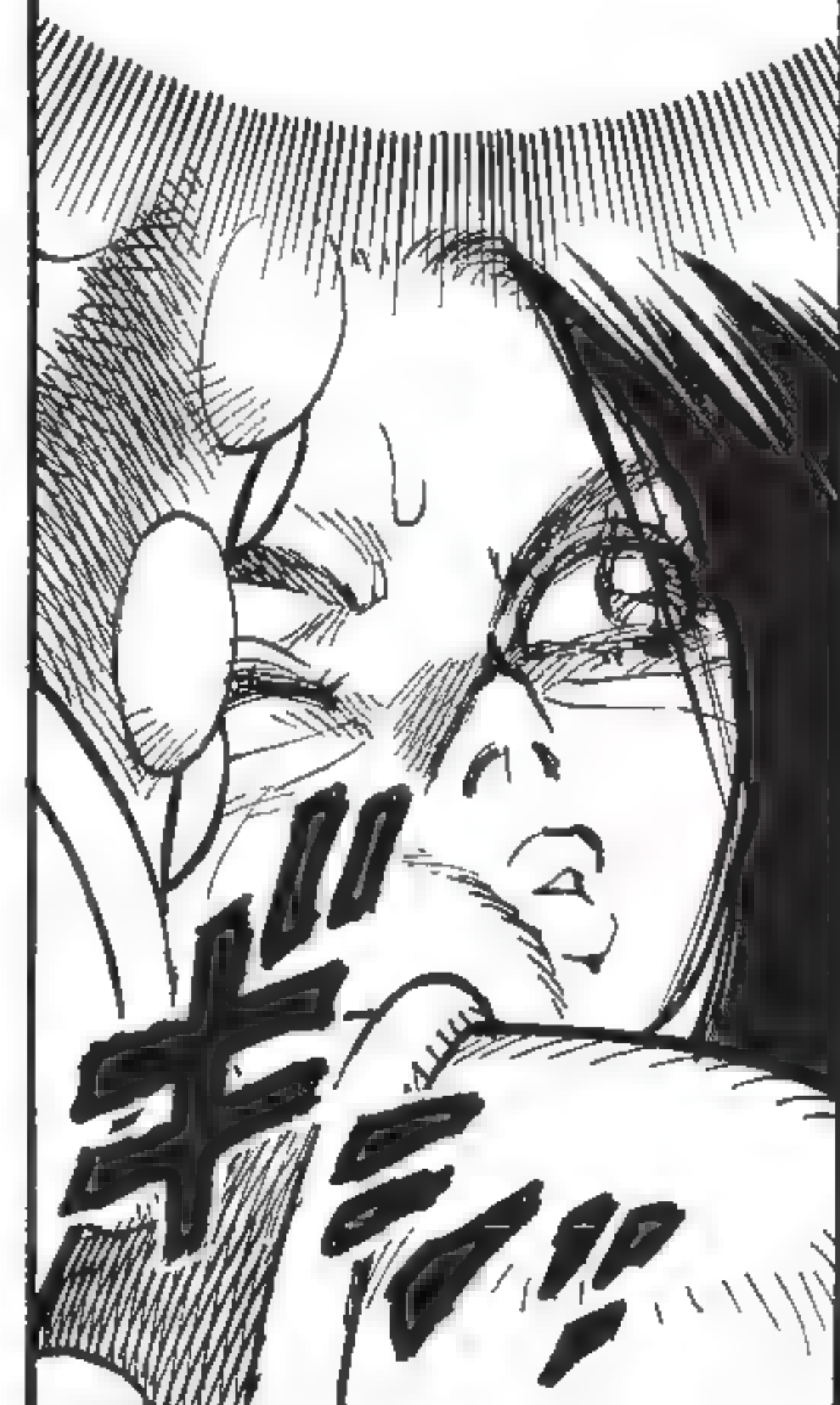


IF I
REALLY
WANT TO
PUT A
STOP TO
THEM...

I FORGET
THAT THEY
KEEP A
STABLE OF
RESTORERS*
IN THEIR
BODIES!

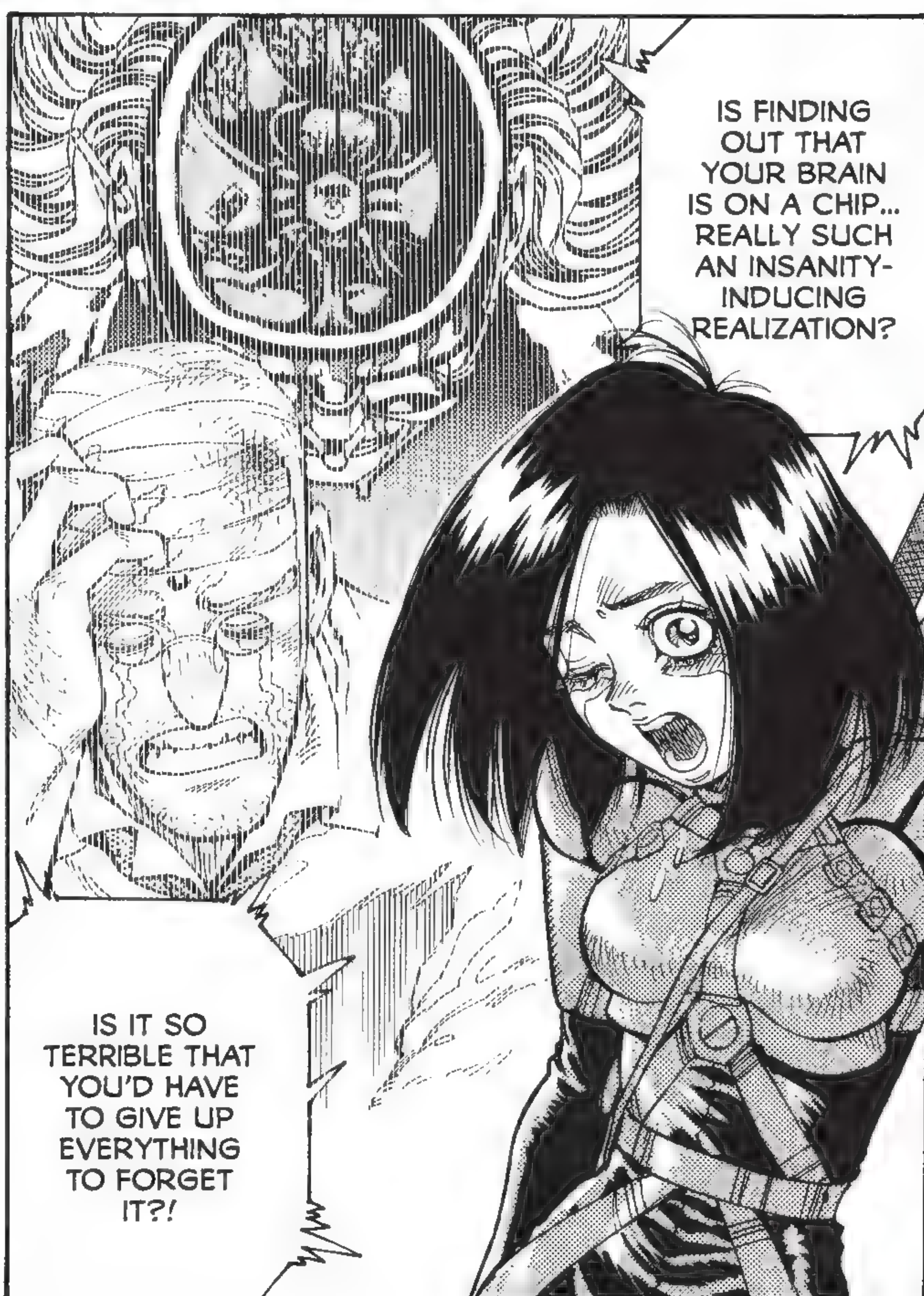
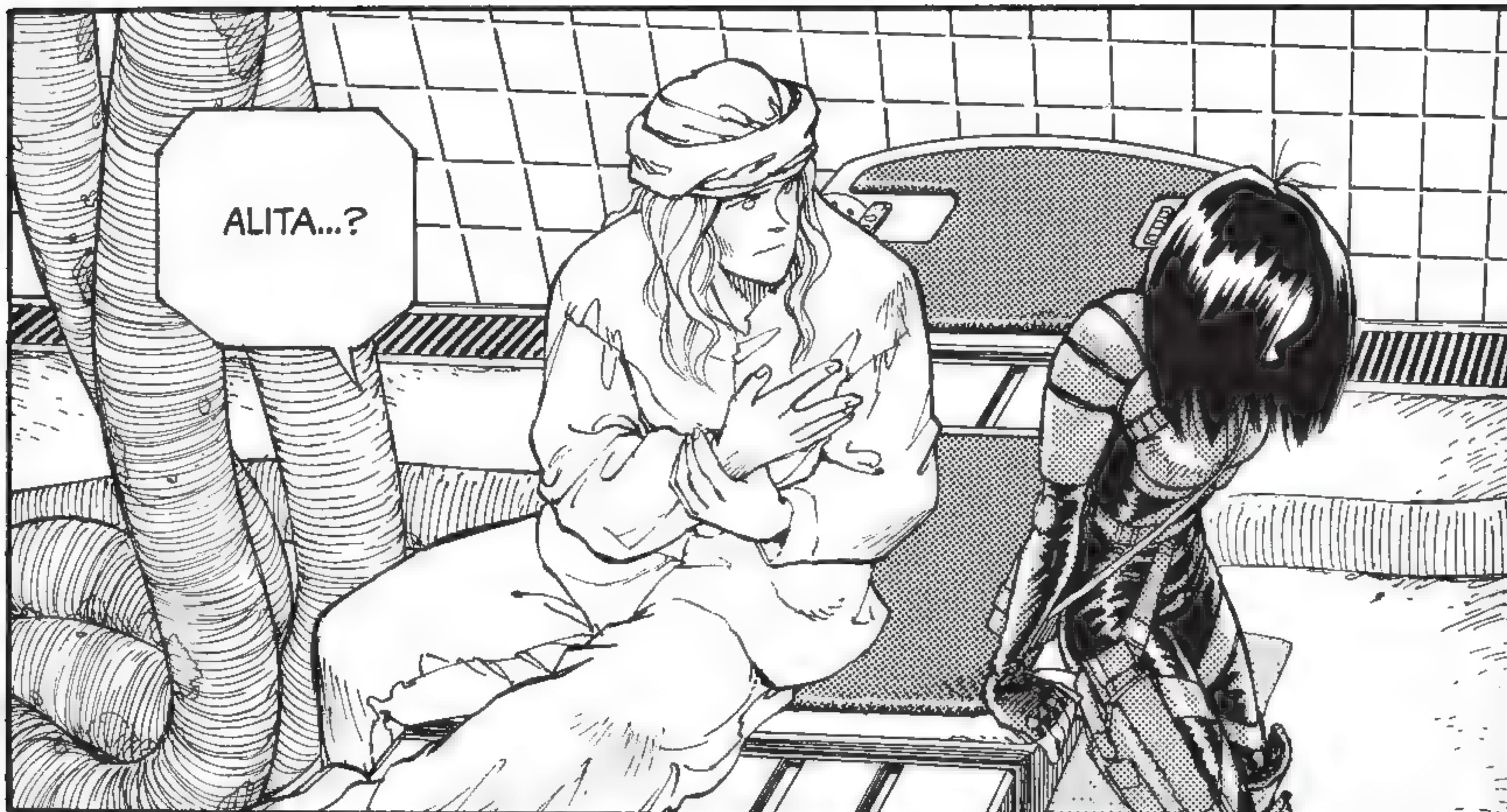


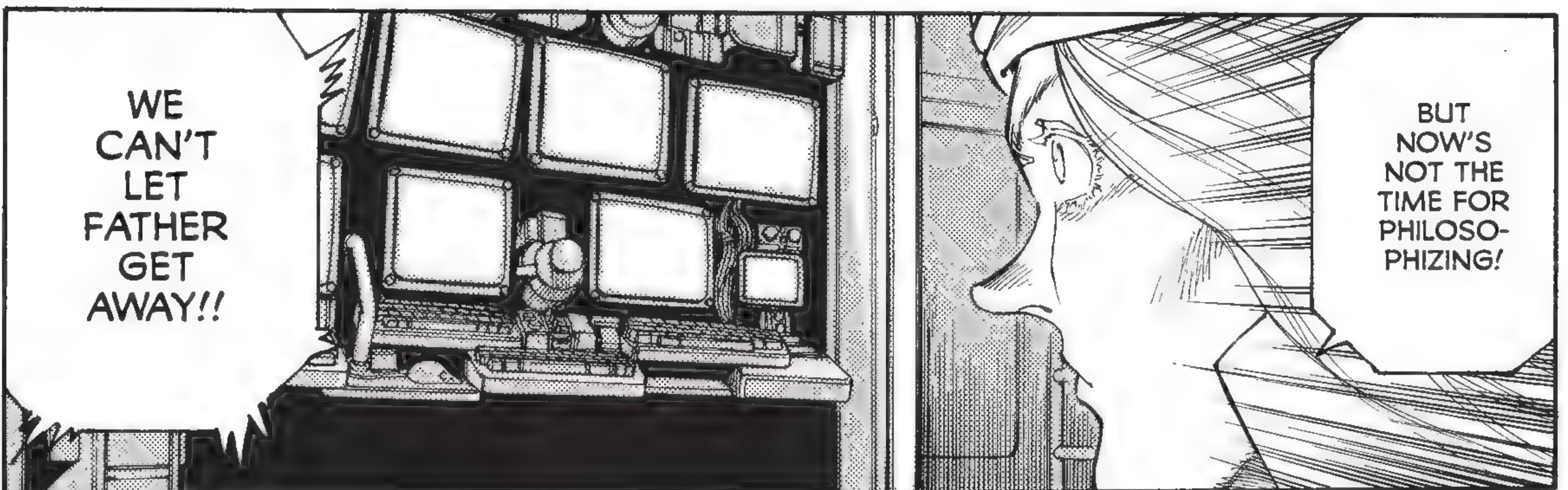
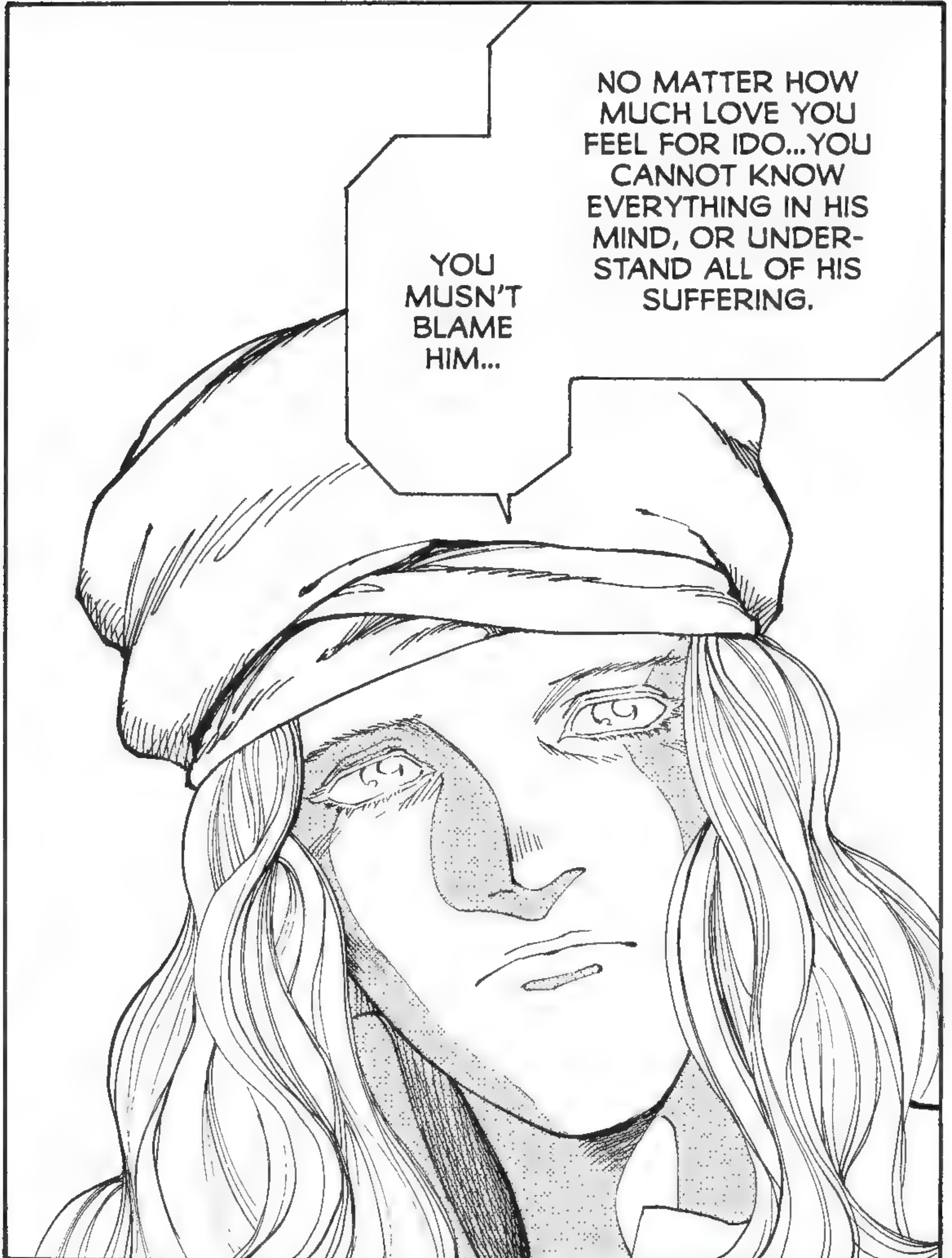
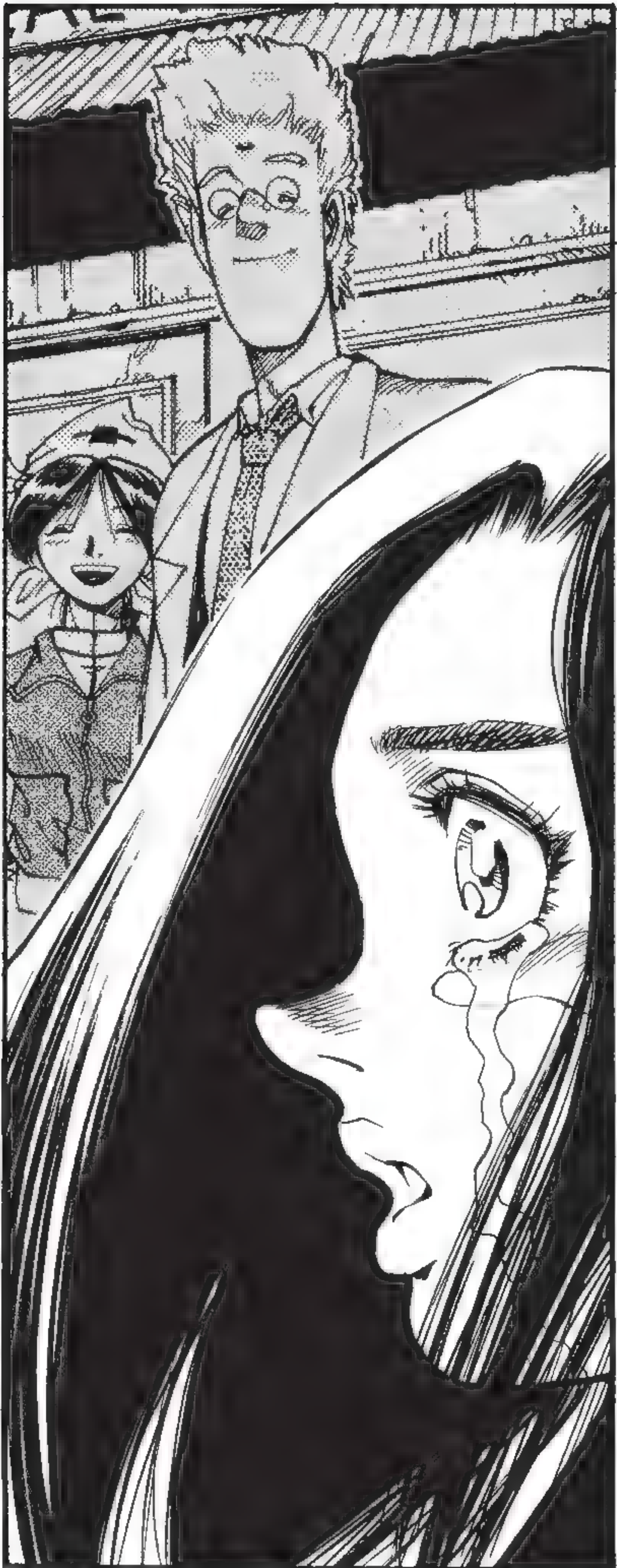
PLRGH!

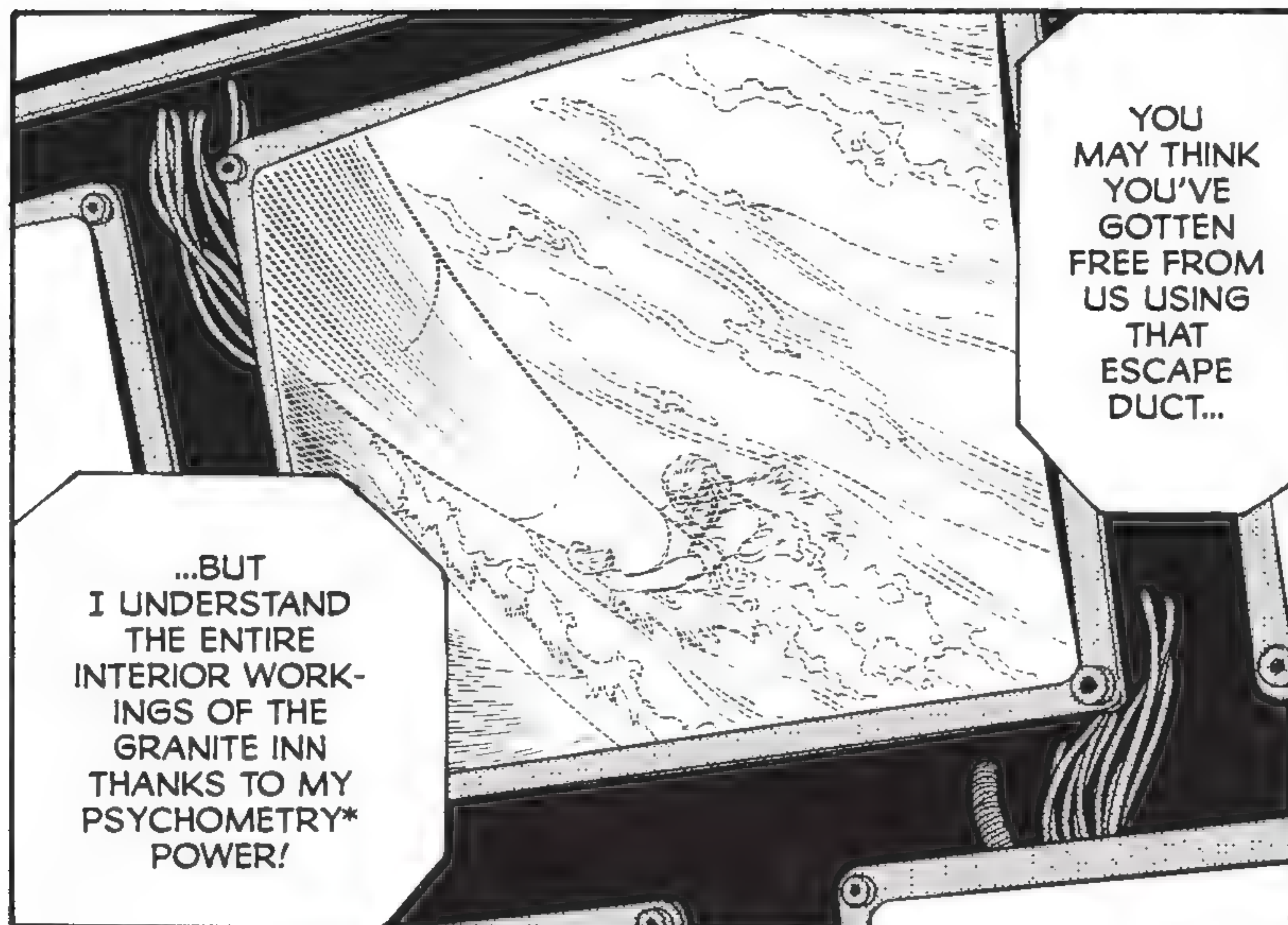


*Restorers: One of Nova's line of nanomachines. It repairs bodily damage on the cellular level. (See Fight 25.)









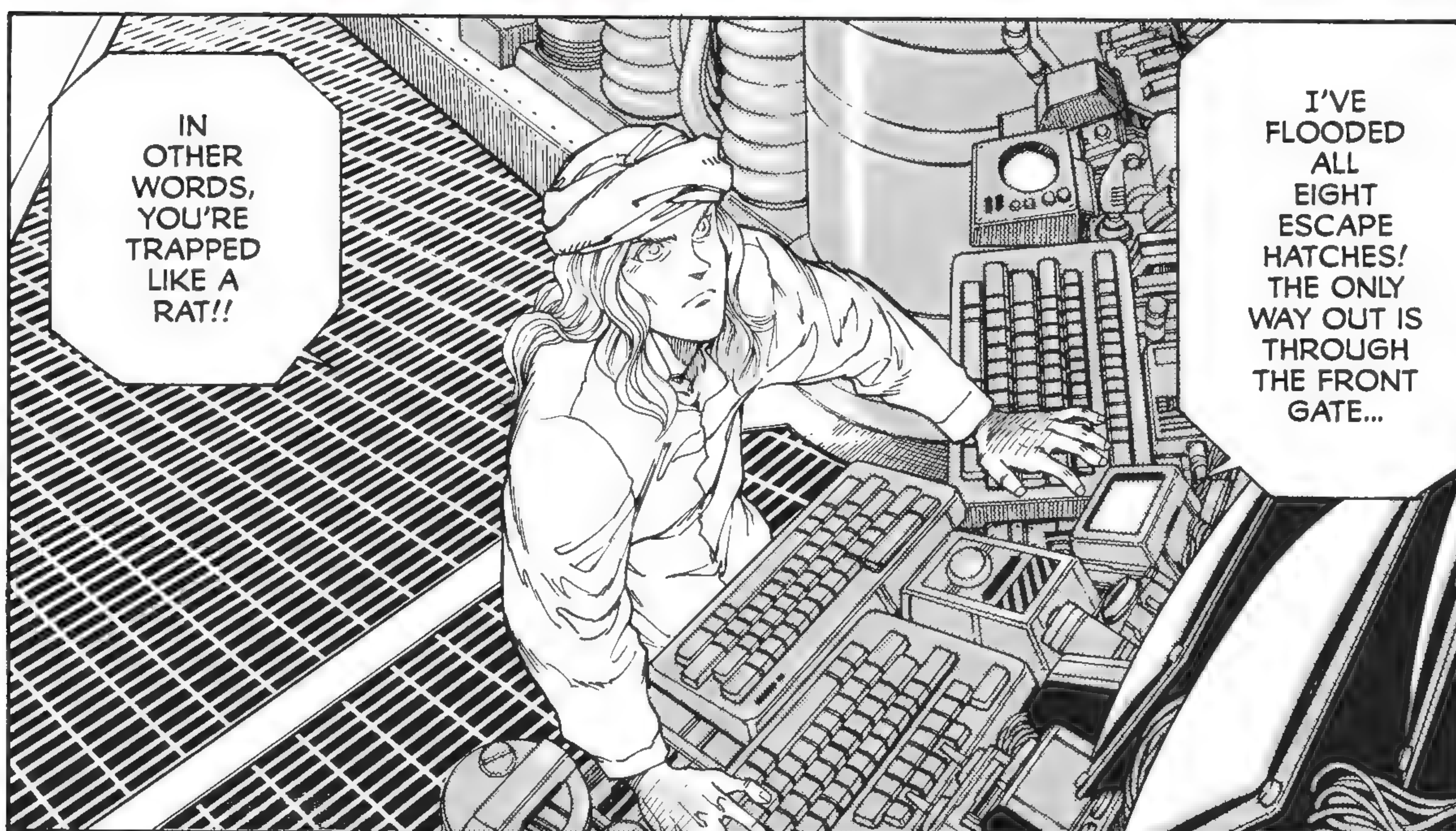
...BUT
I UNDERSTAND
THE ENTIRE
INTERIOR WORK-
INGS OF THE
GRANITE INN
THANKS TO MY
PSYCHOMETRY*
POWER!

YOU
MAY THINK
YOU'VE
GOTTEN
FREE FROM
US USING
THAT
ESCAPE
DUCT...



THERE
IS NO
ESCAPE,
FATHER!

K-KAOS?



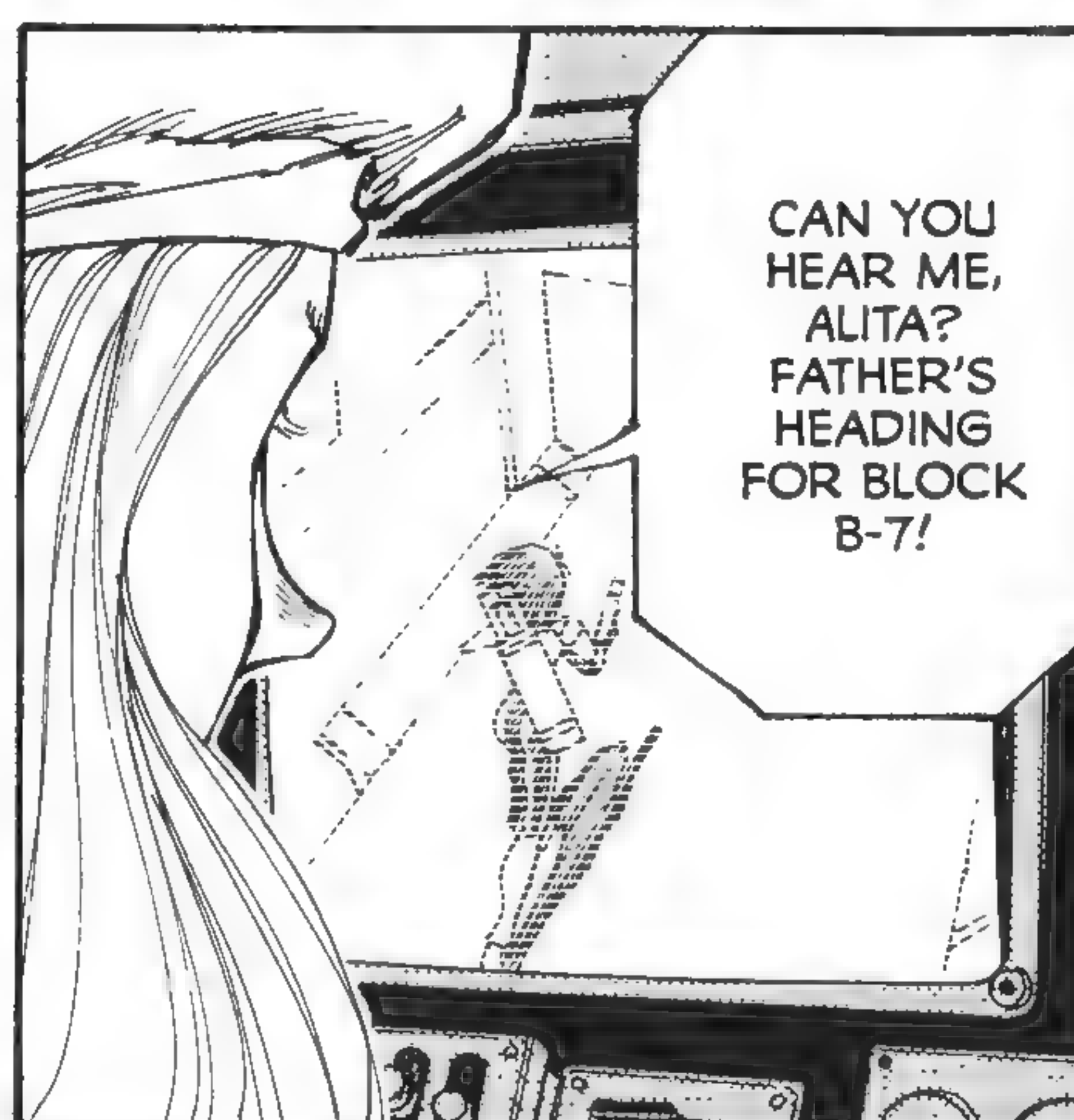
IN
OTHER
WORDS,
YOU'RE
TRAPPED
LIKE A
RAT!!

I'VE
FLOODED
ALL
EIGHT
ESCAPE
HATCHES!
THE ONLY
WAY OUT IS
THROUGH
THE FRONT
GATE...



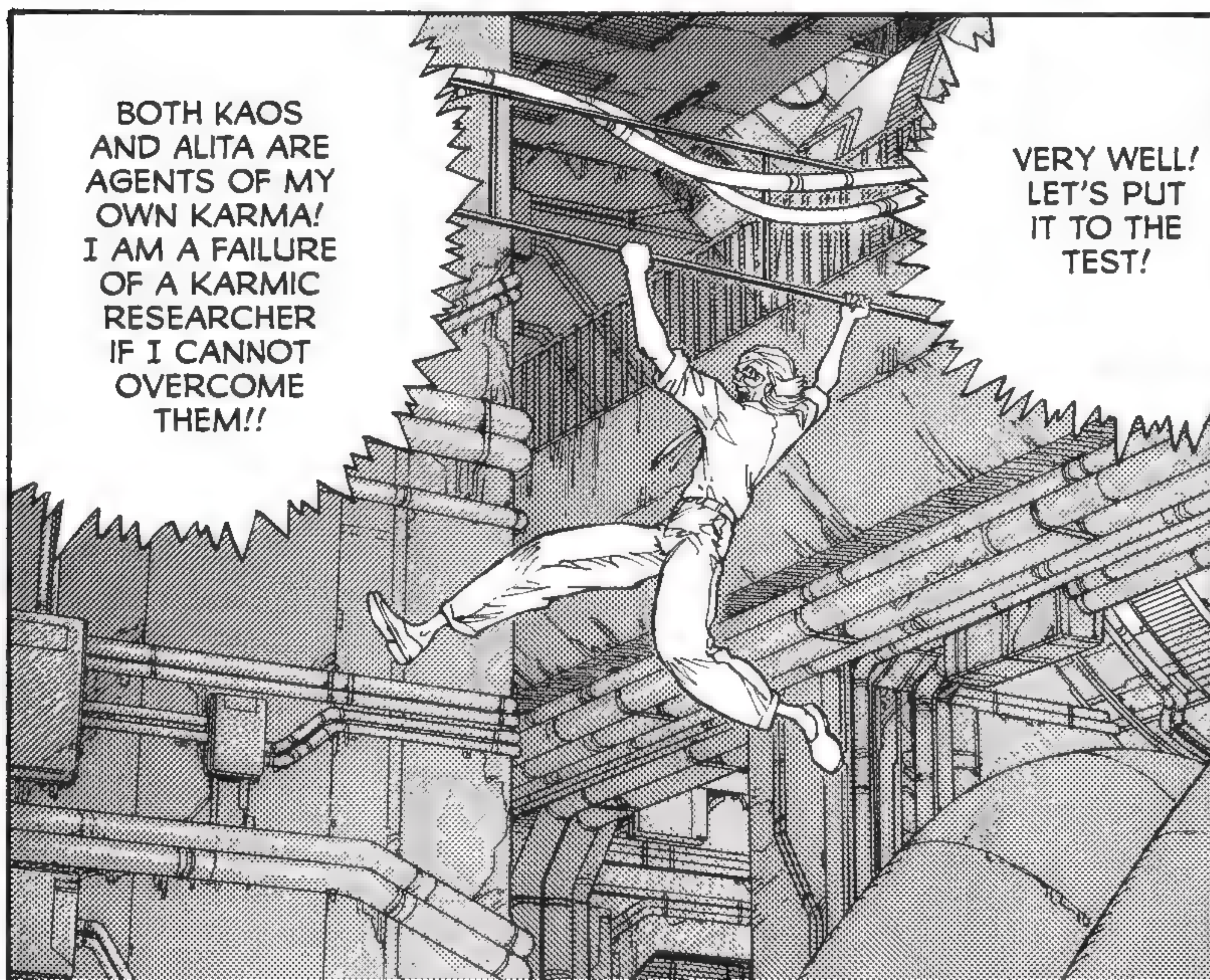
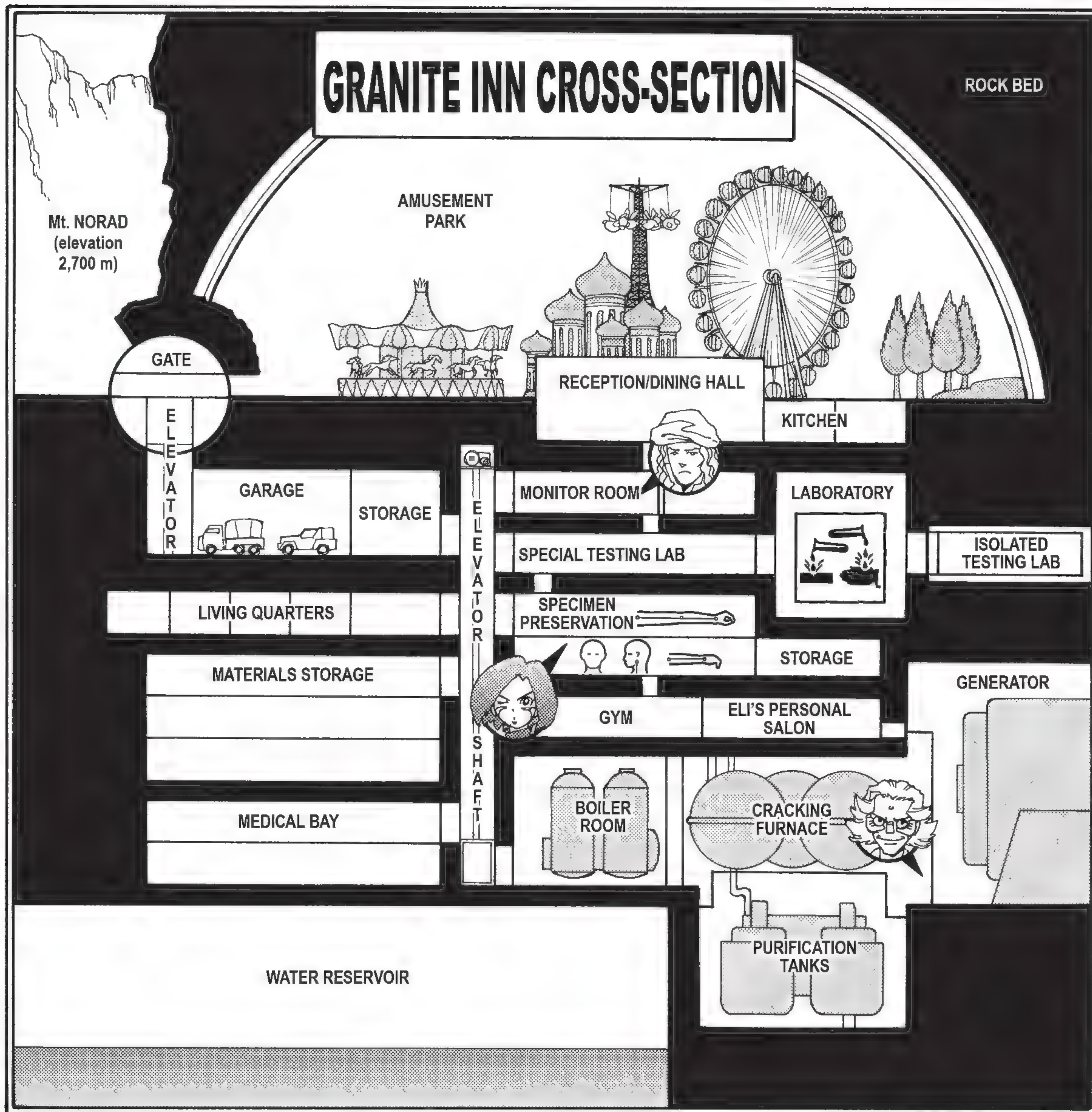
THIS
WAY?!

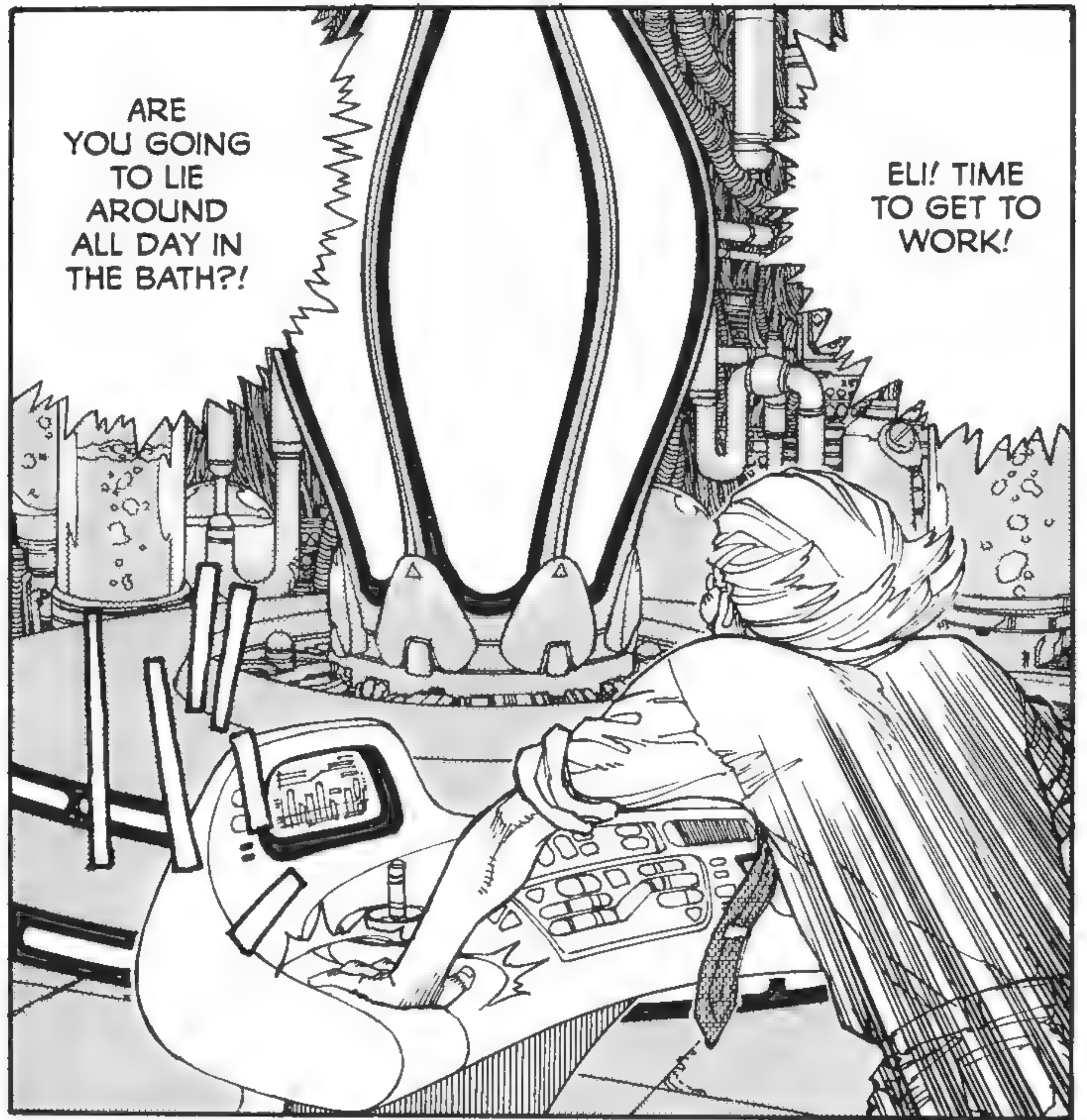
TURN
LEFT
AT THAT
CORNER!



CAN YOU
HEAR ME,
ALITA?
FATHER'S
HEADING
FOR BLOCK
B-7!

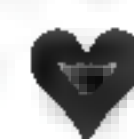
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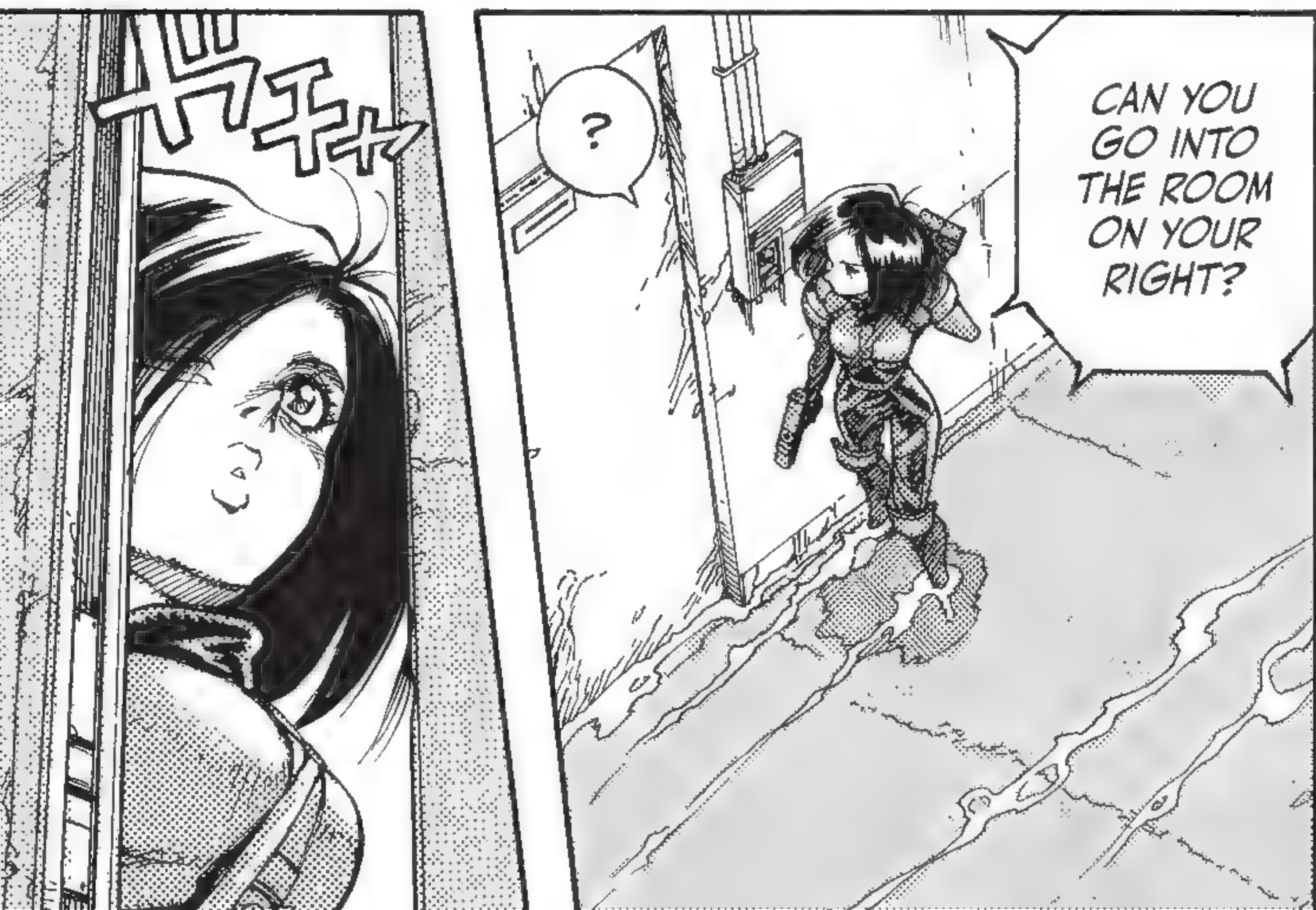
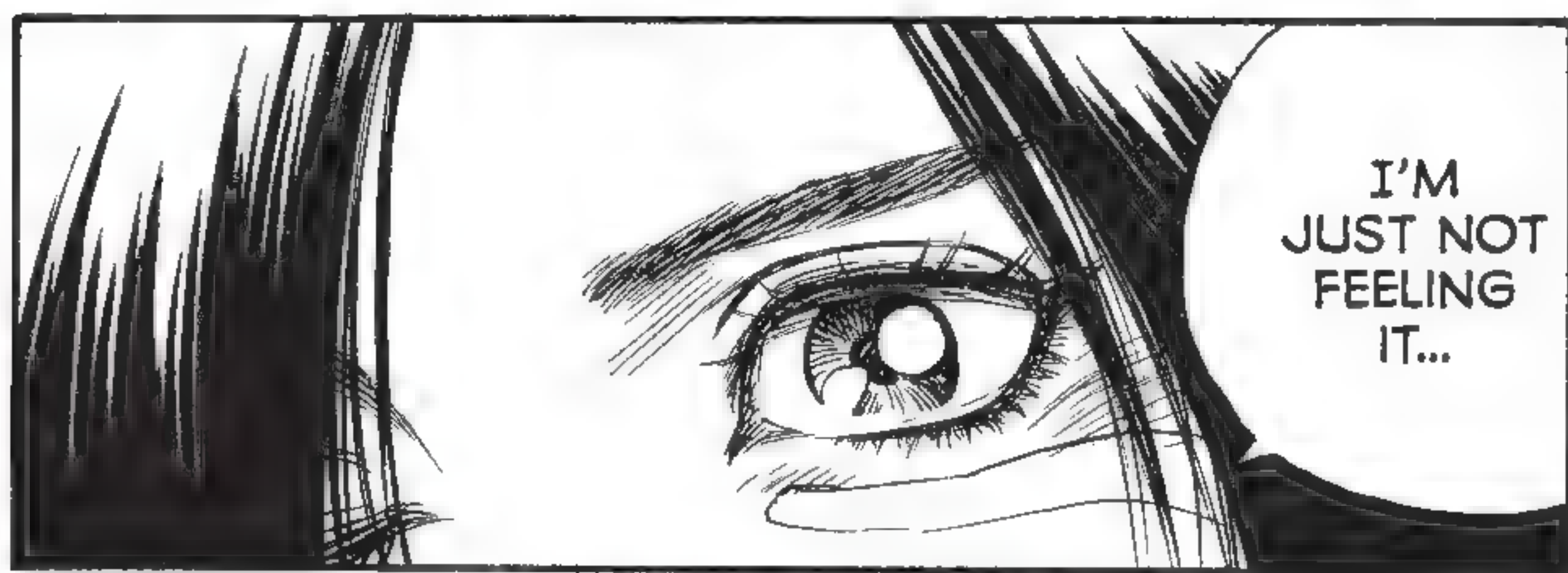
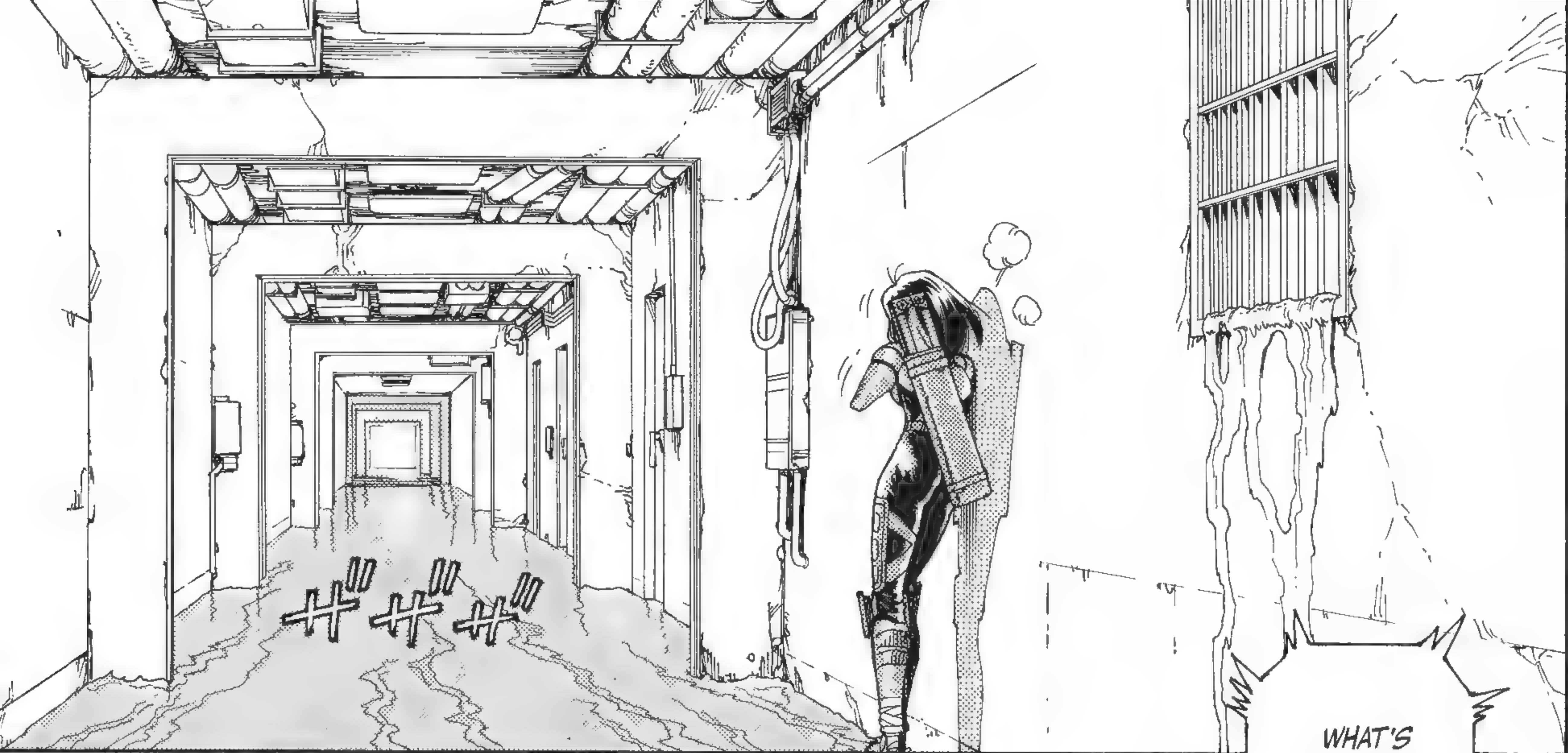


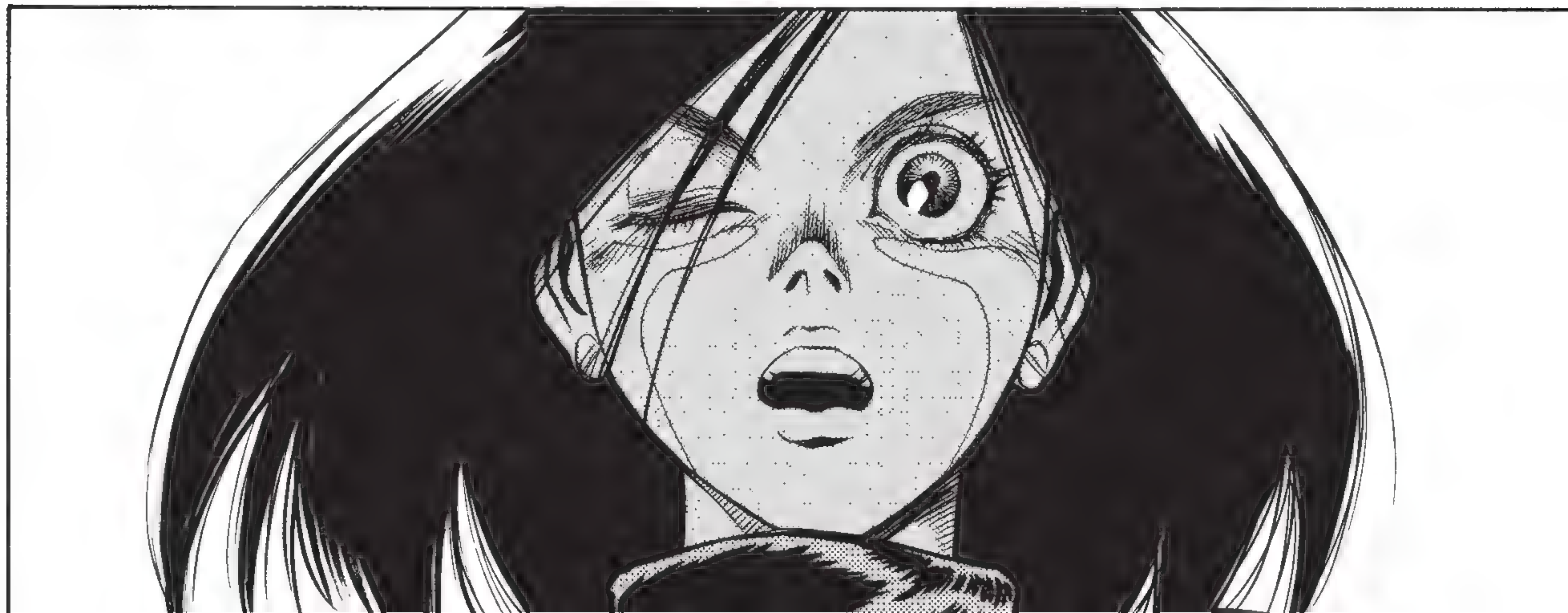




AHHH...
I FEEL LIKE
I'VE BEEN
REBORN.





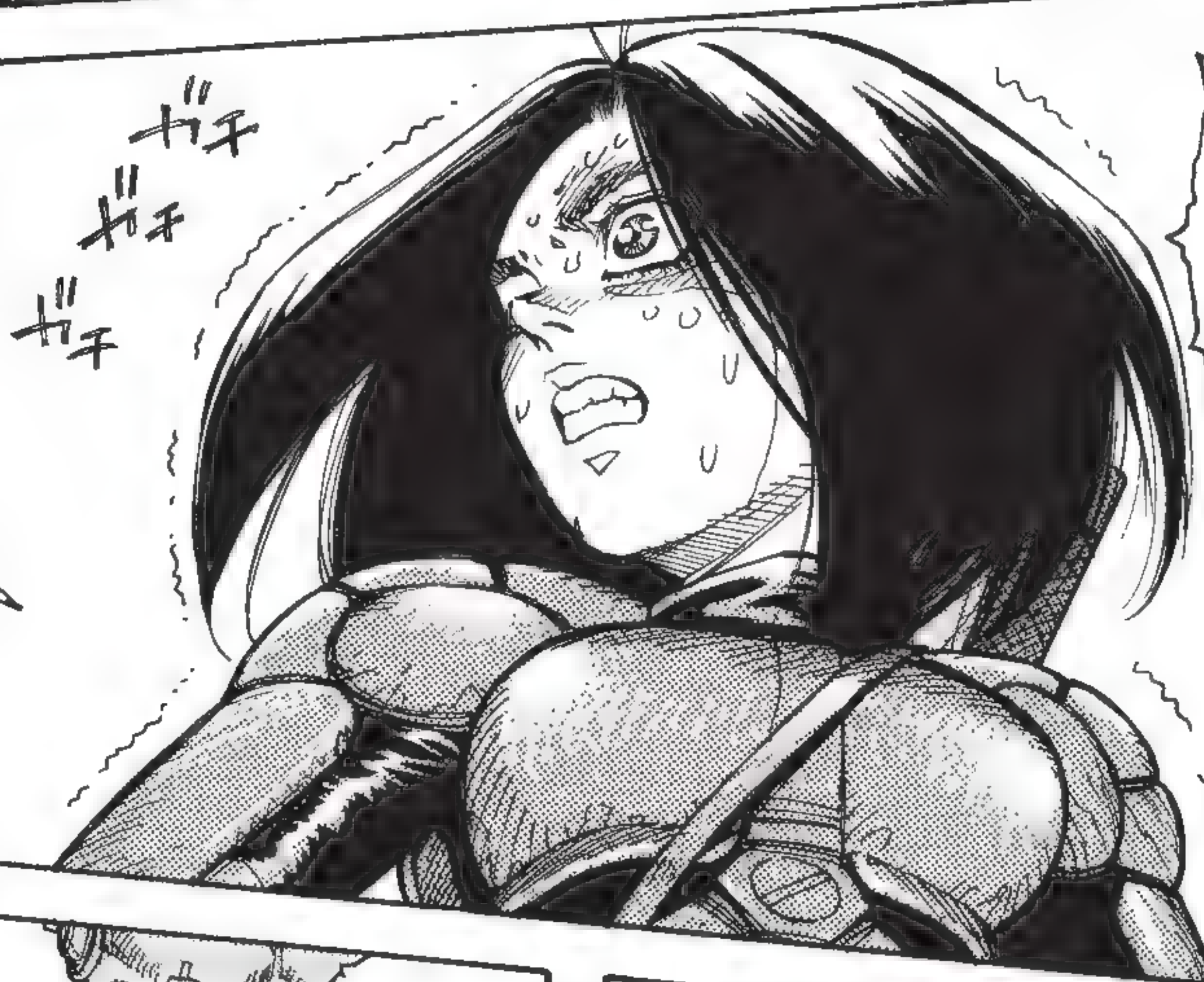




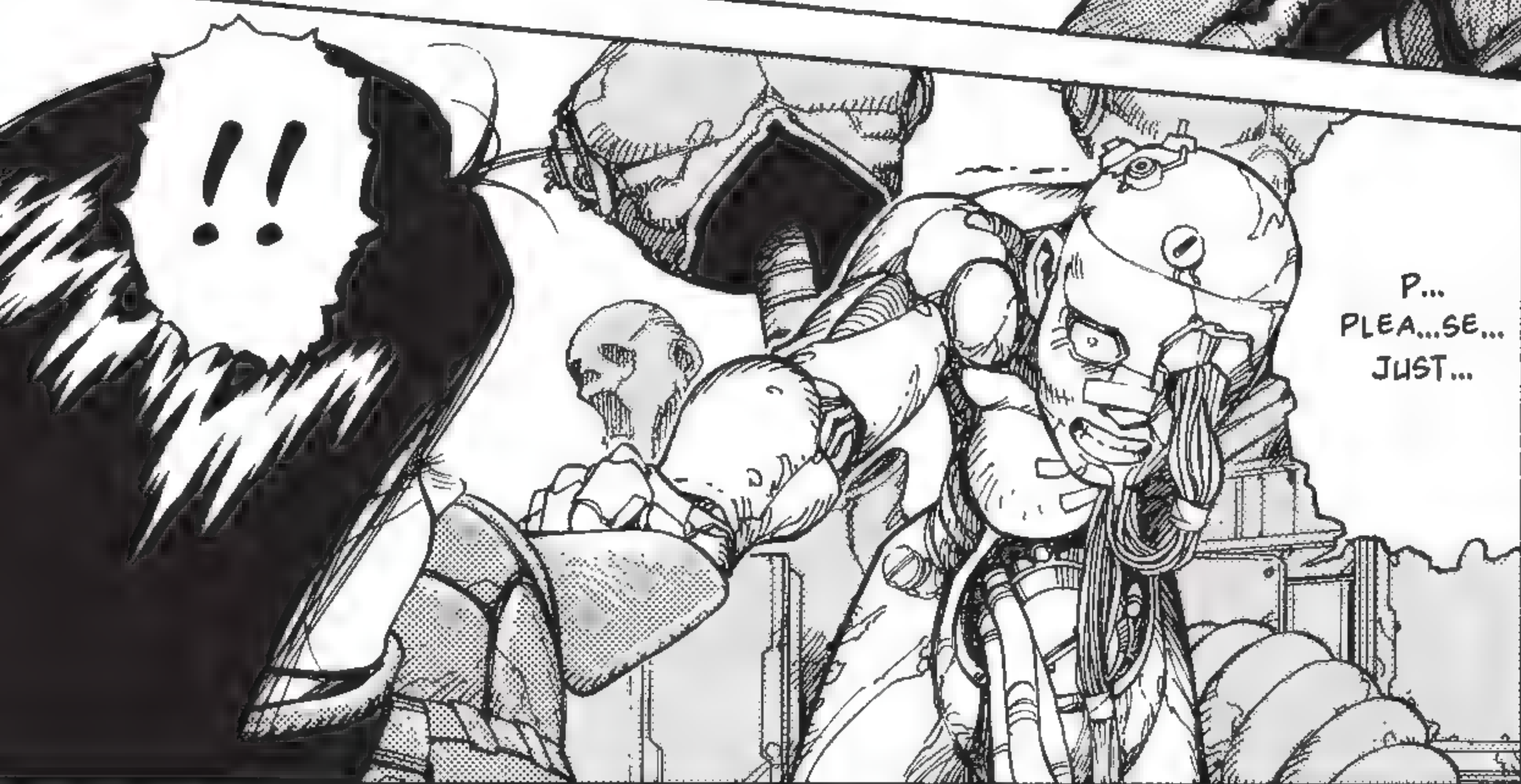
THIS IS
MERELY
THE TIP
OF THE
ICEBERG.

THEY
WERE TRADERS,
RESIDENTS OF THE
FARMS, ABDUCTED
CHILDREN, BARJACK
PRISONERS...
ALL PERFECTLY
INNOCENT,
ORDINARY
PEOPLE.

FOR TWENTY-PLUS
YEARS SINCE HE FLED
ZALEM TO THE
SURFACE, MY FATHER
HAS MUTILATED
VICTIMS THAT COULD
FILL DOZENS OF
THESE ROOMS, ALL
TO SATISFY HIS OWN
SCIENTIFIC GREED!!

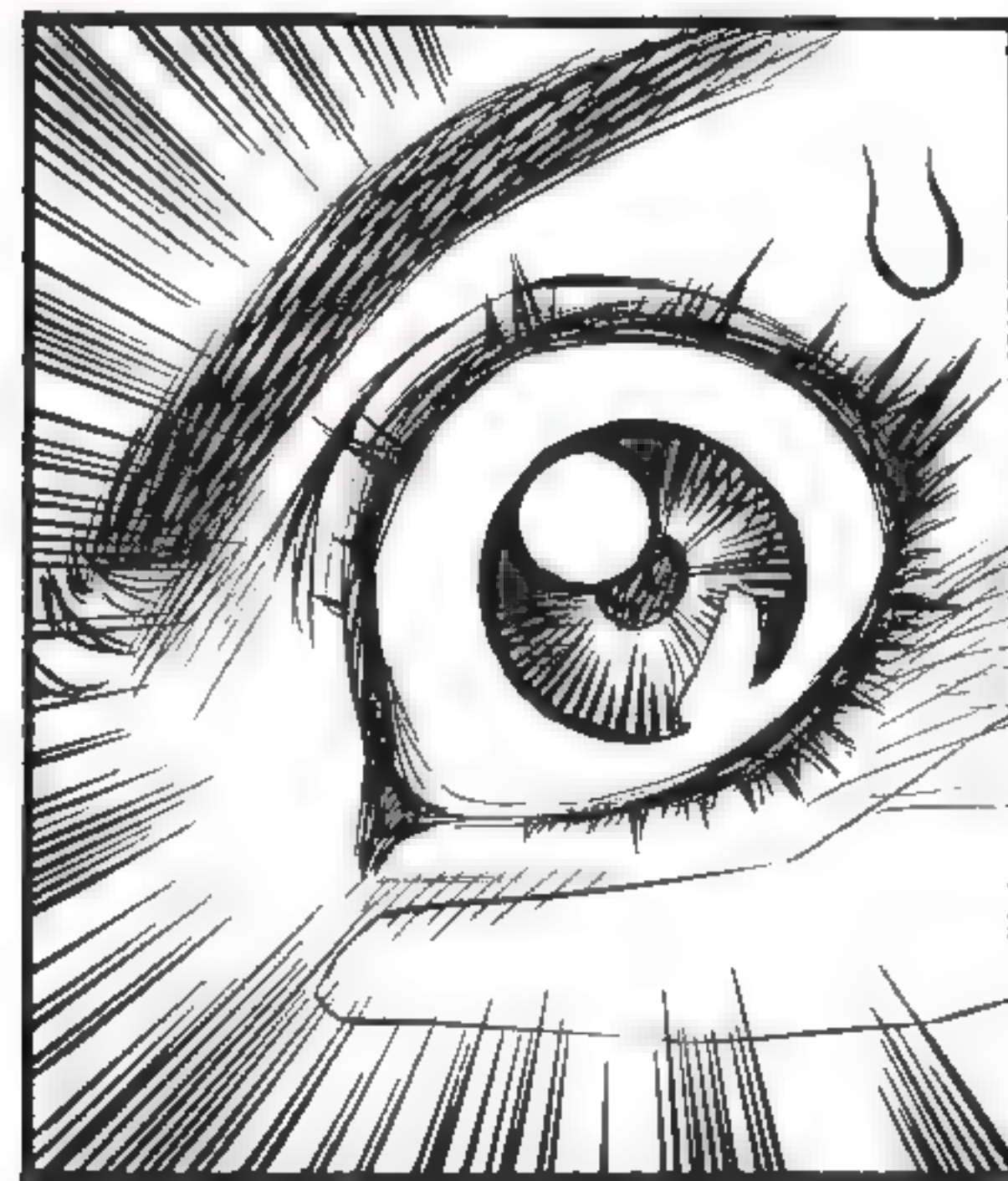


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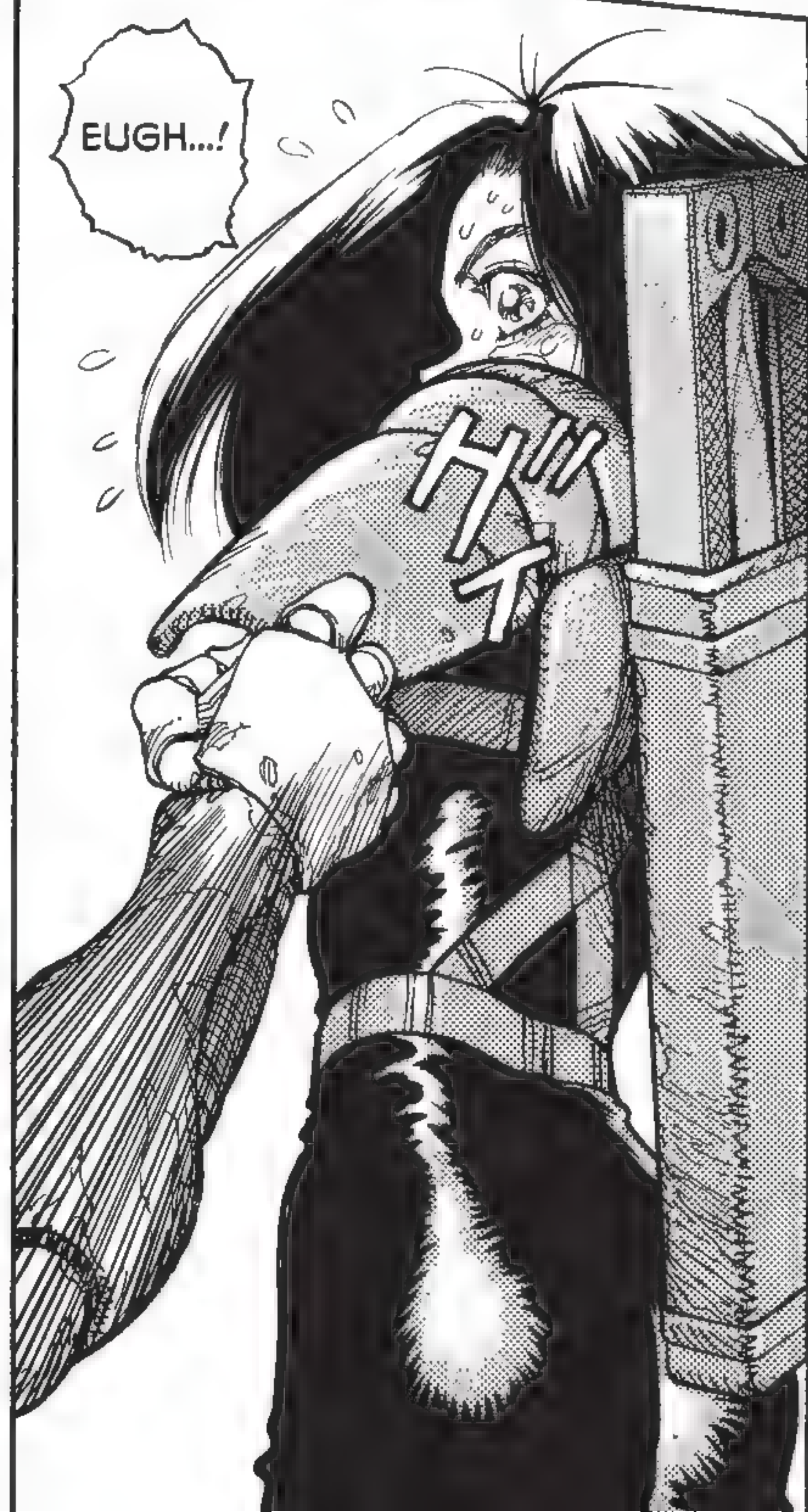


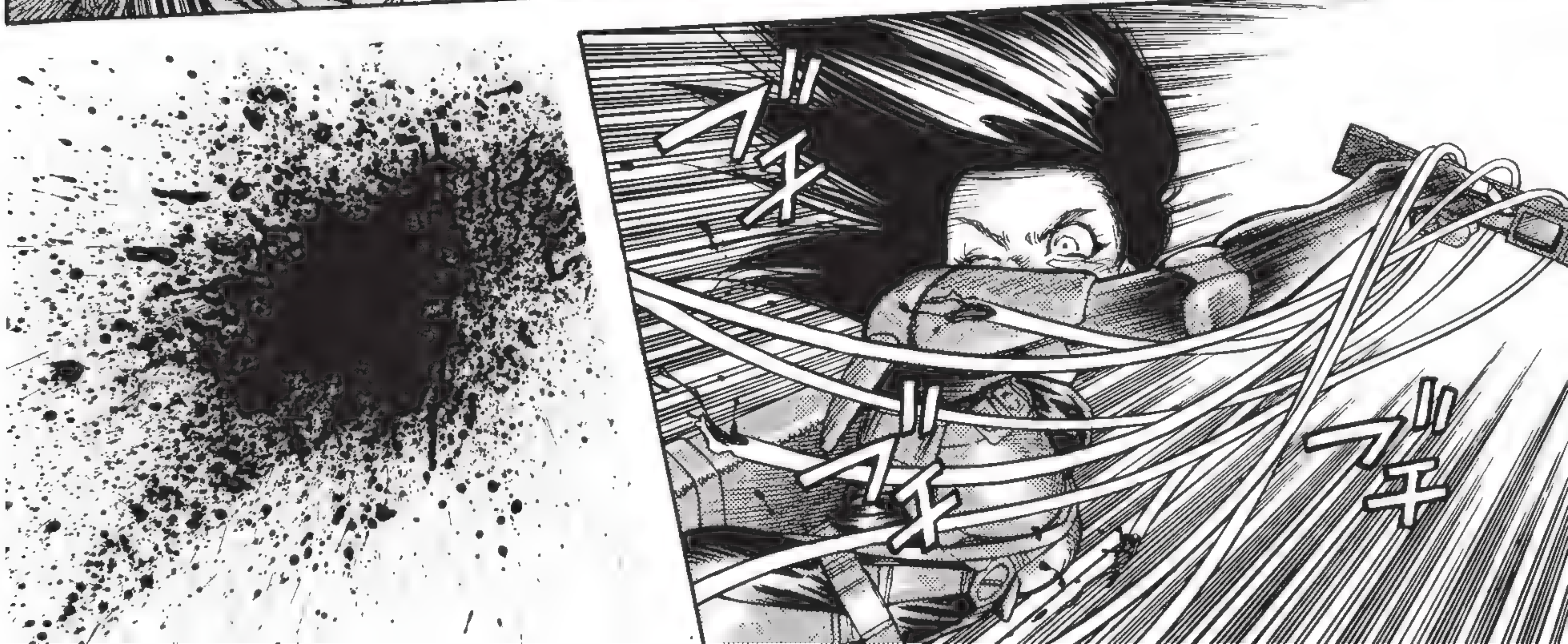
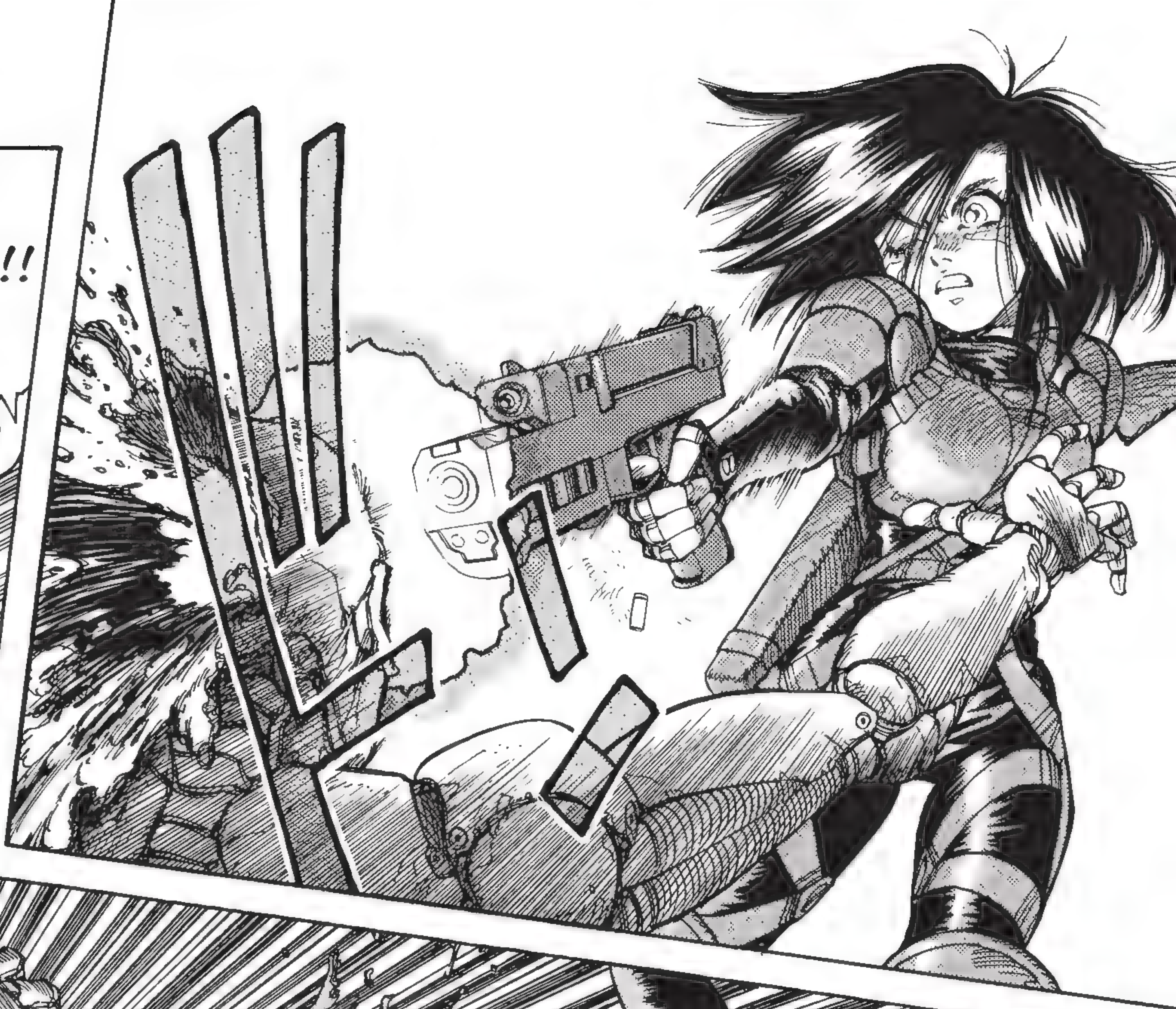
P...
PLEA...SE...
JUST...

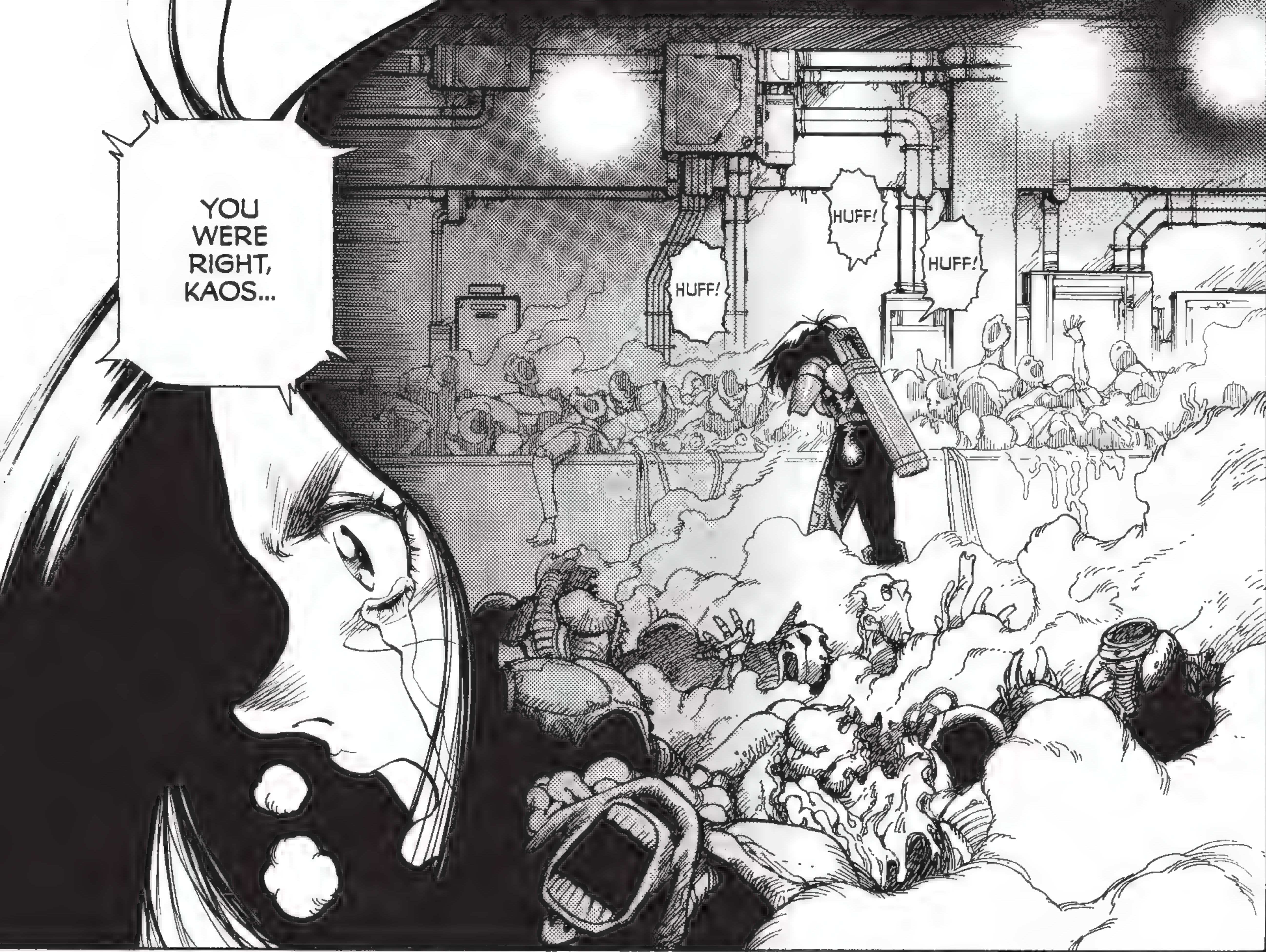
EUGH....!



...KILL...
ME...





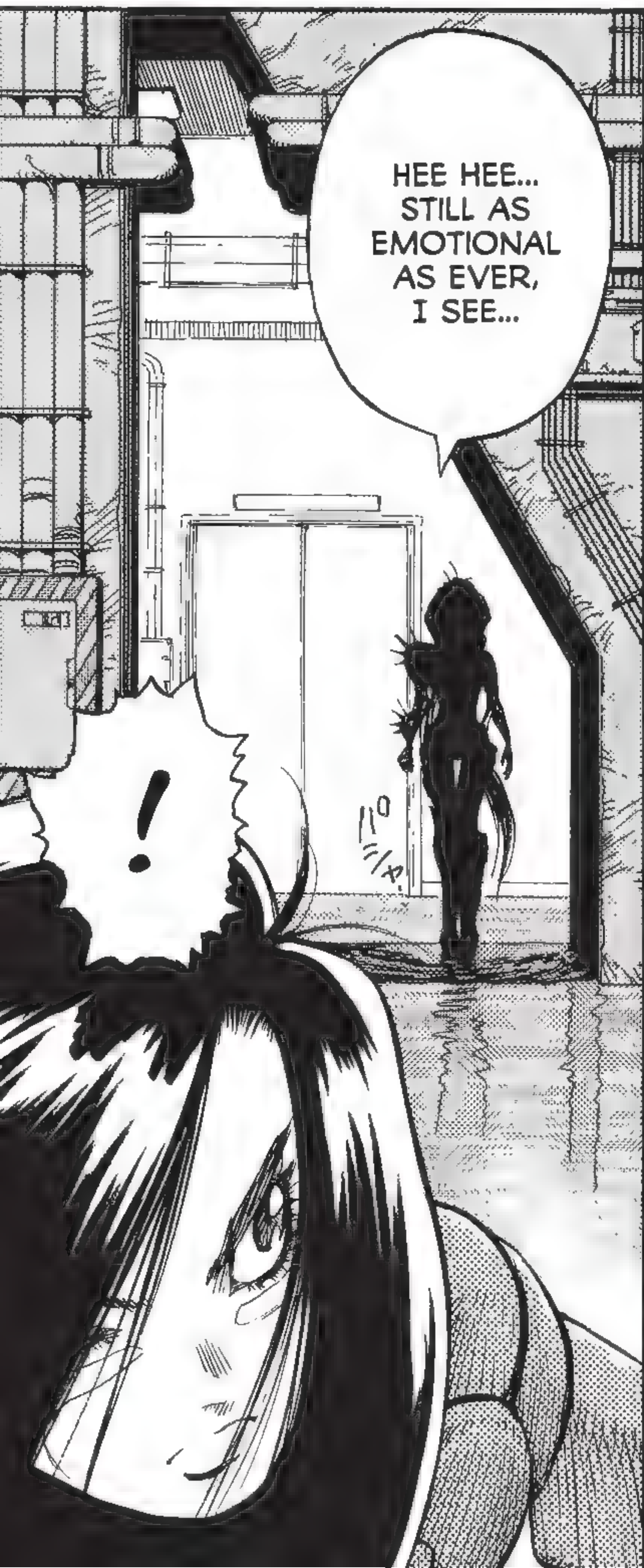


YOU
WERE
RIGHT,
KAOS...

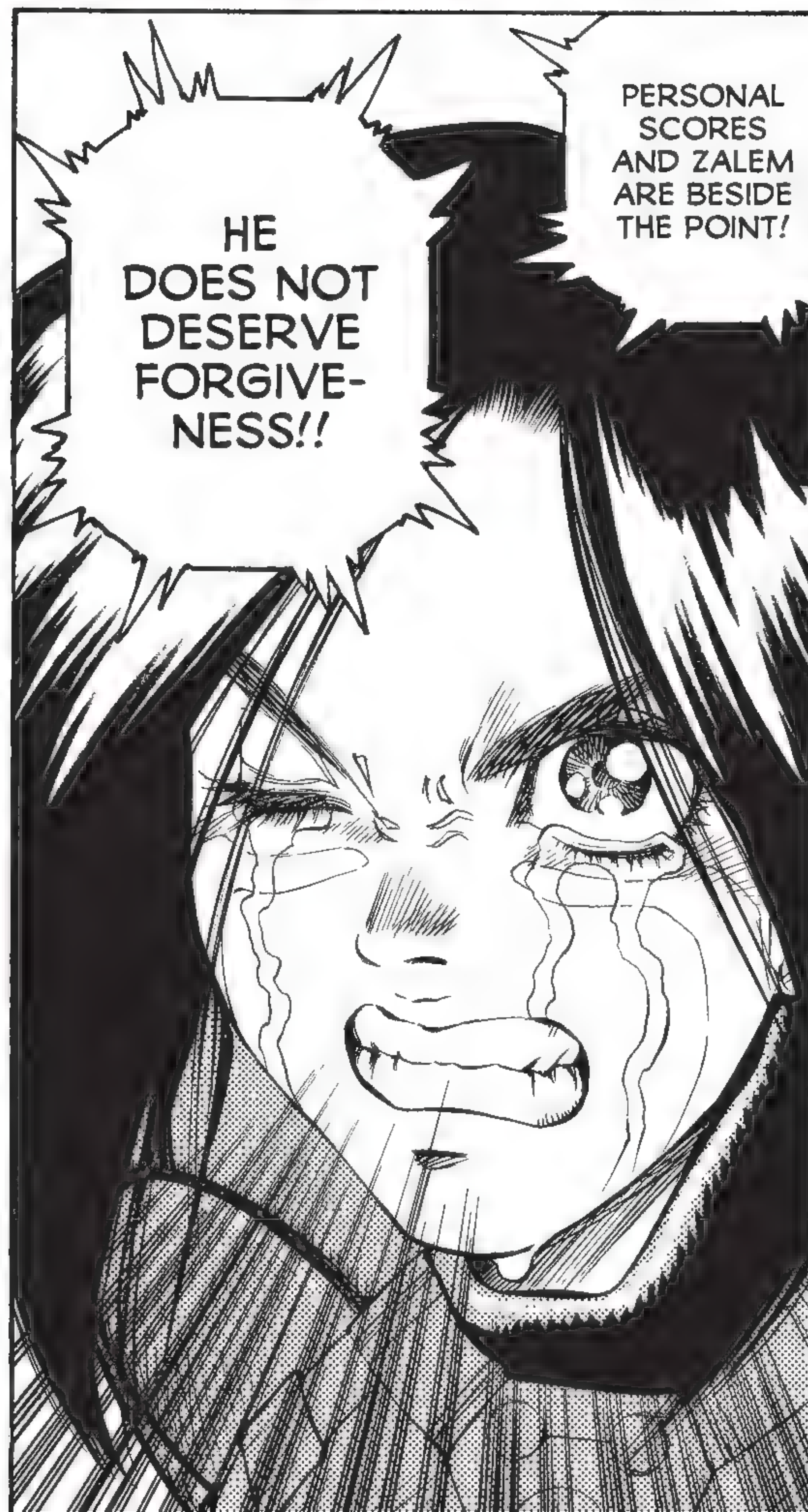
HUFF!

HUFF!

HUFF!



HEE HEE...
STILL AS
EMOTIONAL
AS EVER,
I SEE...



HE
DOES NOT
DESERVE
FORGIVE-
NESS!!

PERSONAL
SCORES
AND ZALEM
ARE BESIDE
THE POINT!



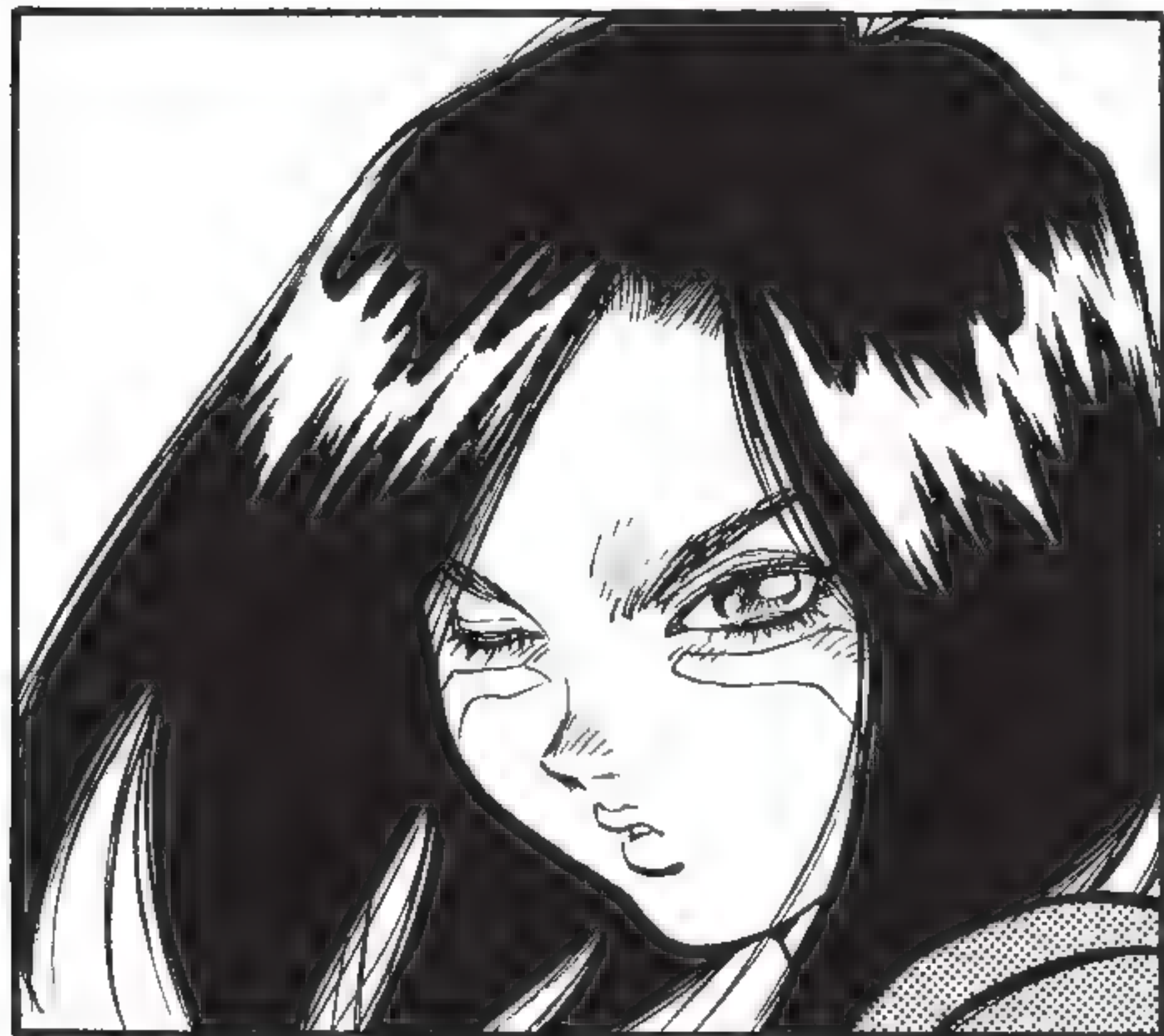
THE ONLY
PEOPLE IN
THE WORLD
WHO CAN
STAND UP TO
NOVA NOW
ARE YOU AND
ME.



HAVE
YOU EVER
THOUGHT
ABOUT
WHERE
YOU WERE
GOING TO
DIE?



...ALITA.



HEE
HEE! I HAVE
ETERNAL YOUTH
AND BEAUTY,
THANKS TO
PROFESSOR'S
NANOTECH.
I AM
IMMORTAL...

I
HAVEN'T.

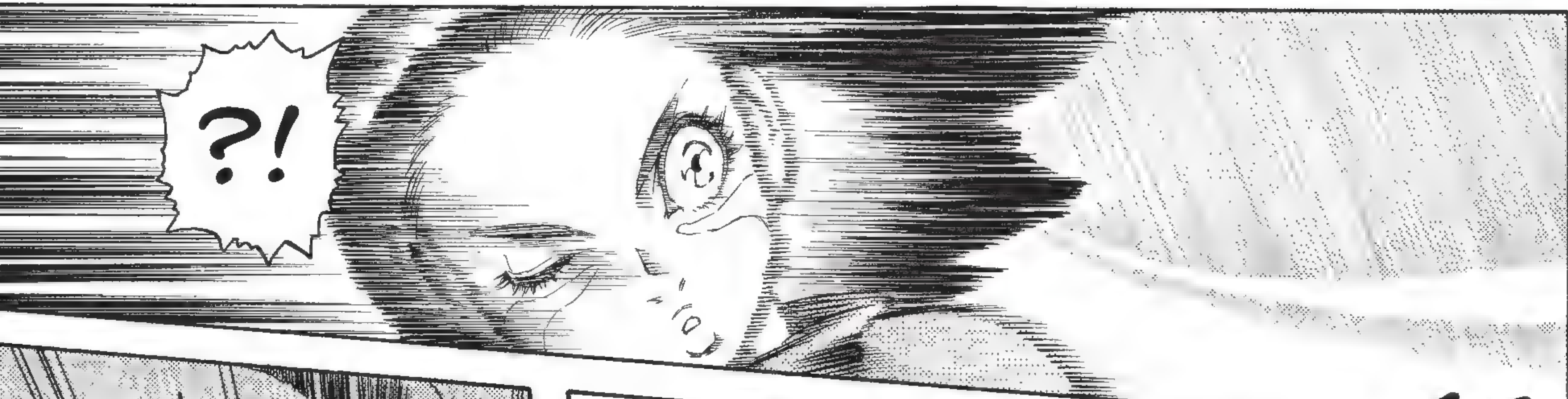
I DON'T
NEED TO.



...WILL
NOT BE
TOLERATED!!



SO ANY
UNCOUTH
ATTEMPTS
TO PUT A
STOP TO HIS
GLORIOUS
WORK...



?!



AHA
HA
HA!

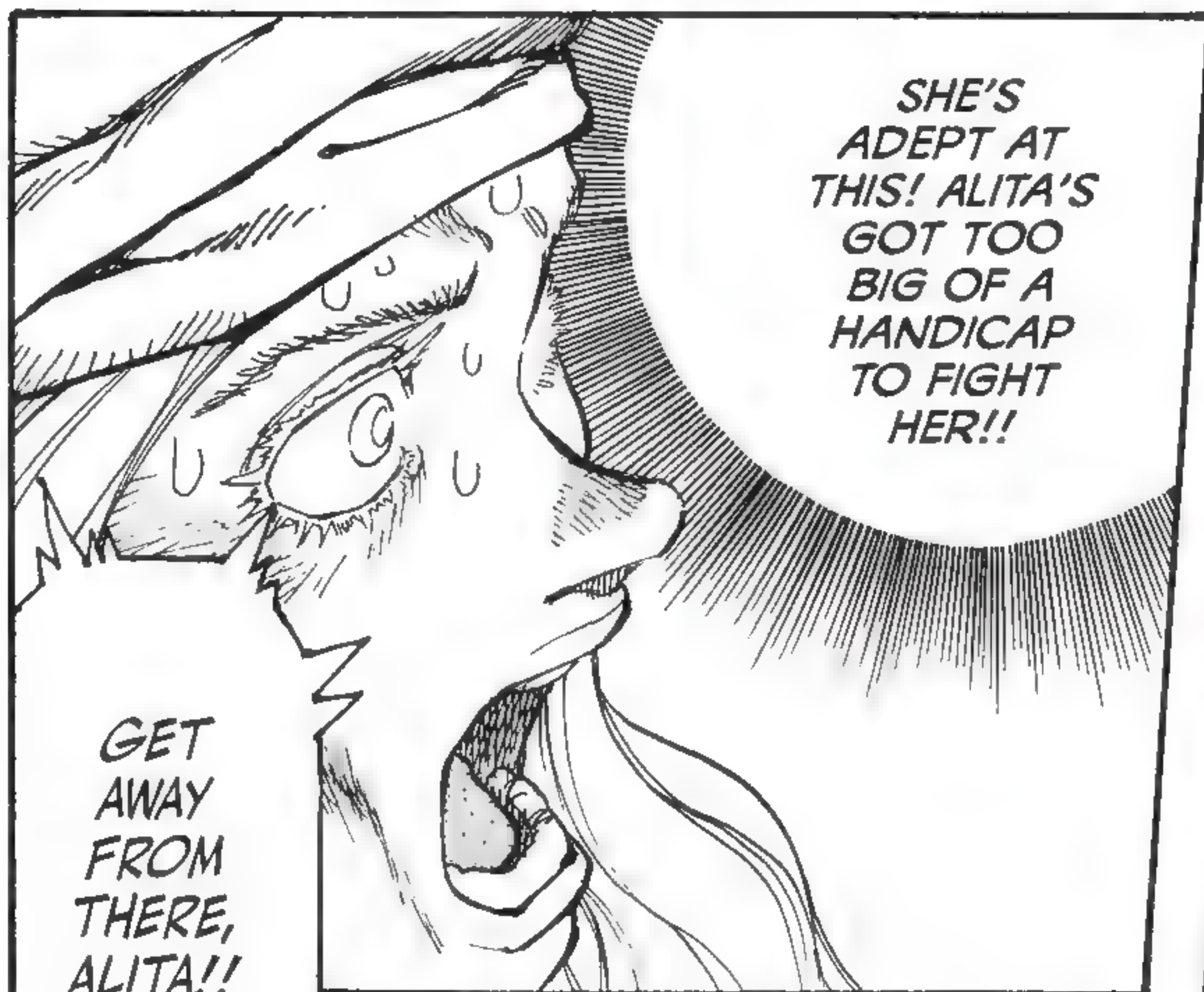


F!



IT
COMPRESSES
WATER TO
THOUSANDS OF
ATMOSPHERES
OF PRESSURE,
THEN EMITS IT
AT SUPERSONIC
SPEED! IT CAN
SLICE UP STEEL
LIKE JELLY!!

THAT'S
A WATER-
PRESSURE
CON-
VERTER!!



SHE'S
ADEPT AT
THIS! ALITA'S
GOT TOO
BIG OF A
HANDICAP
TO FIGHT
HER!!

GET
AWAY
FROM
THERE,
ALITA!!



WITHOUT
THE PAIN AND
PLEASURE OF THE
FLESH, THERE IS
NO MEANING OR
REASON TO LIFE
ANYMORE!



IT'S REALLY
NOT MUCH FUN
TO TORTURE
CYBORGS WITH
THIS, AS YOU
DON'T FEEL PAIN
FROM SEVERED
LIMBS.

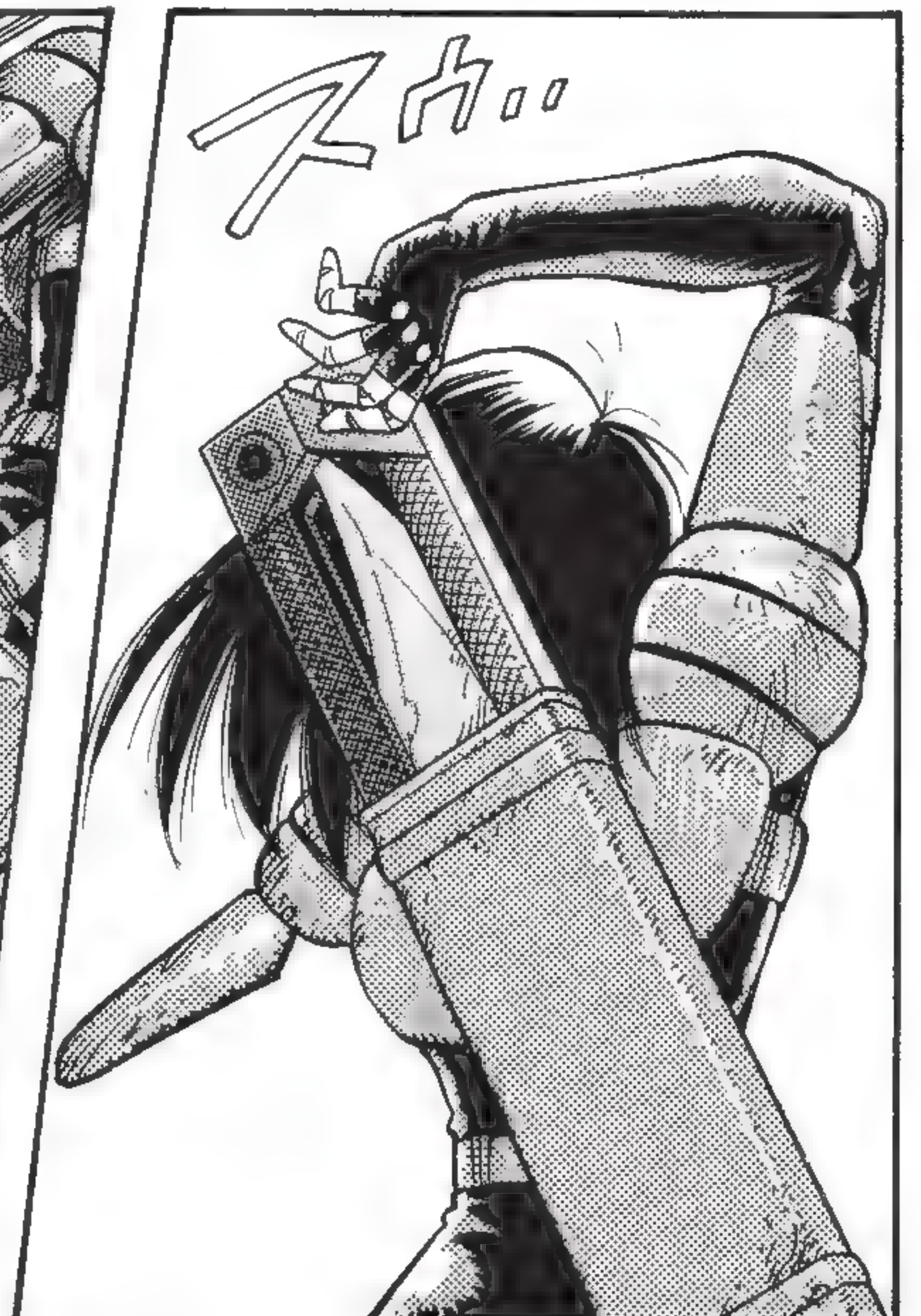
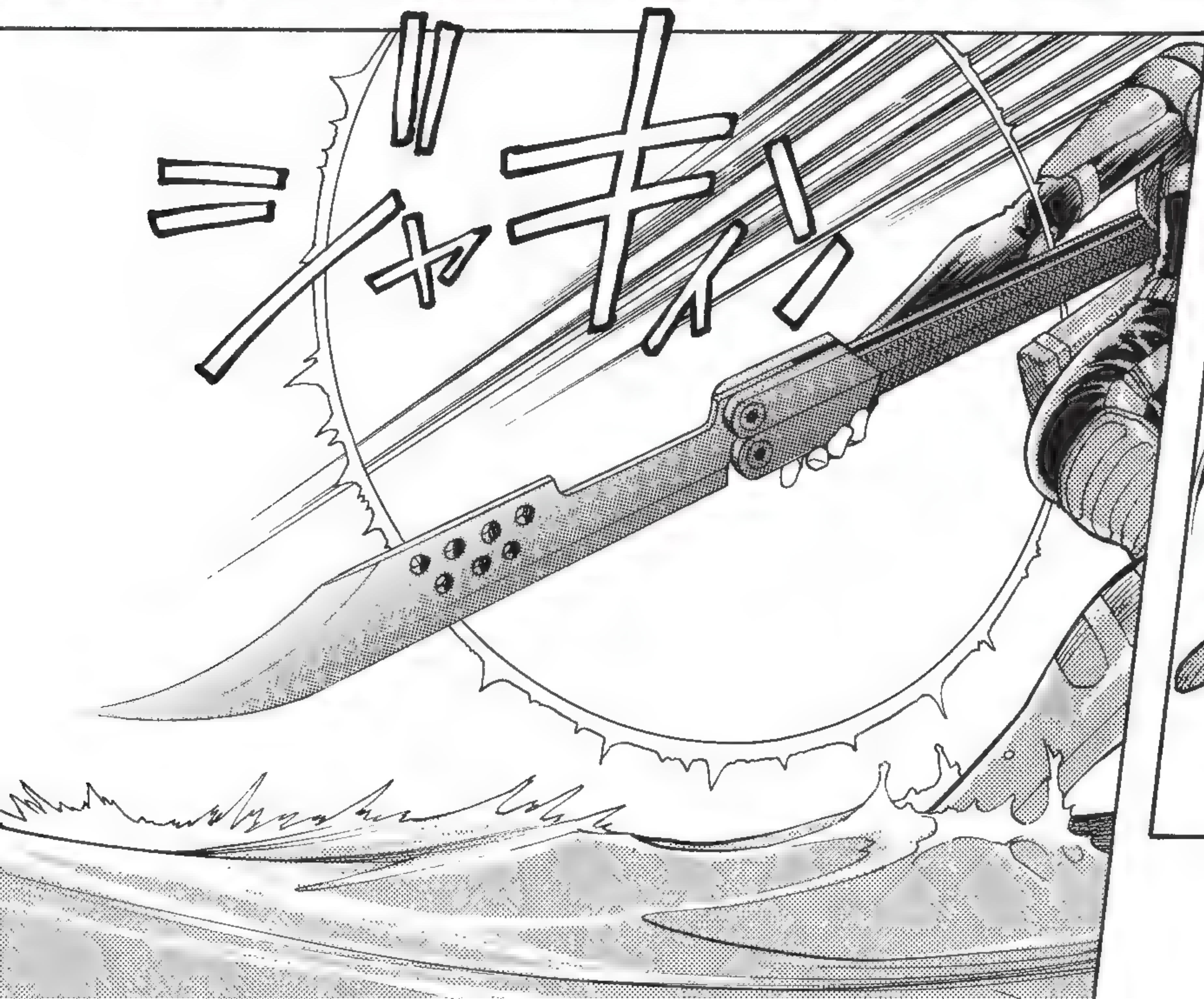


I AM
FLESH!

FLESH
IS ALL!!



ALL THOSE
PIDDLING MALE
IDEALS AND LOVE
AND DREAMS ARE
NOTHING MORE
CONSEQUENTIAL
THAN MOLD
GROWING ON THE
CHEESE OF BODILY
PLEASURES!





...FRAU
SAU-
SAGE!!

IT'S TOO BAD
THAT NOVA'S
NANOTECH
CAN'T FIX THE
UGLINESS IN
YOUR MIND...



HOW DARE
YOU SPEAK TO
ME THAT WAY,
YOU MISERABLE
LITTLE BRAIN
IN A CAN...

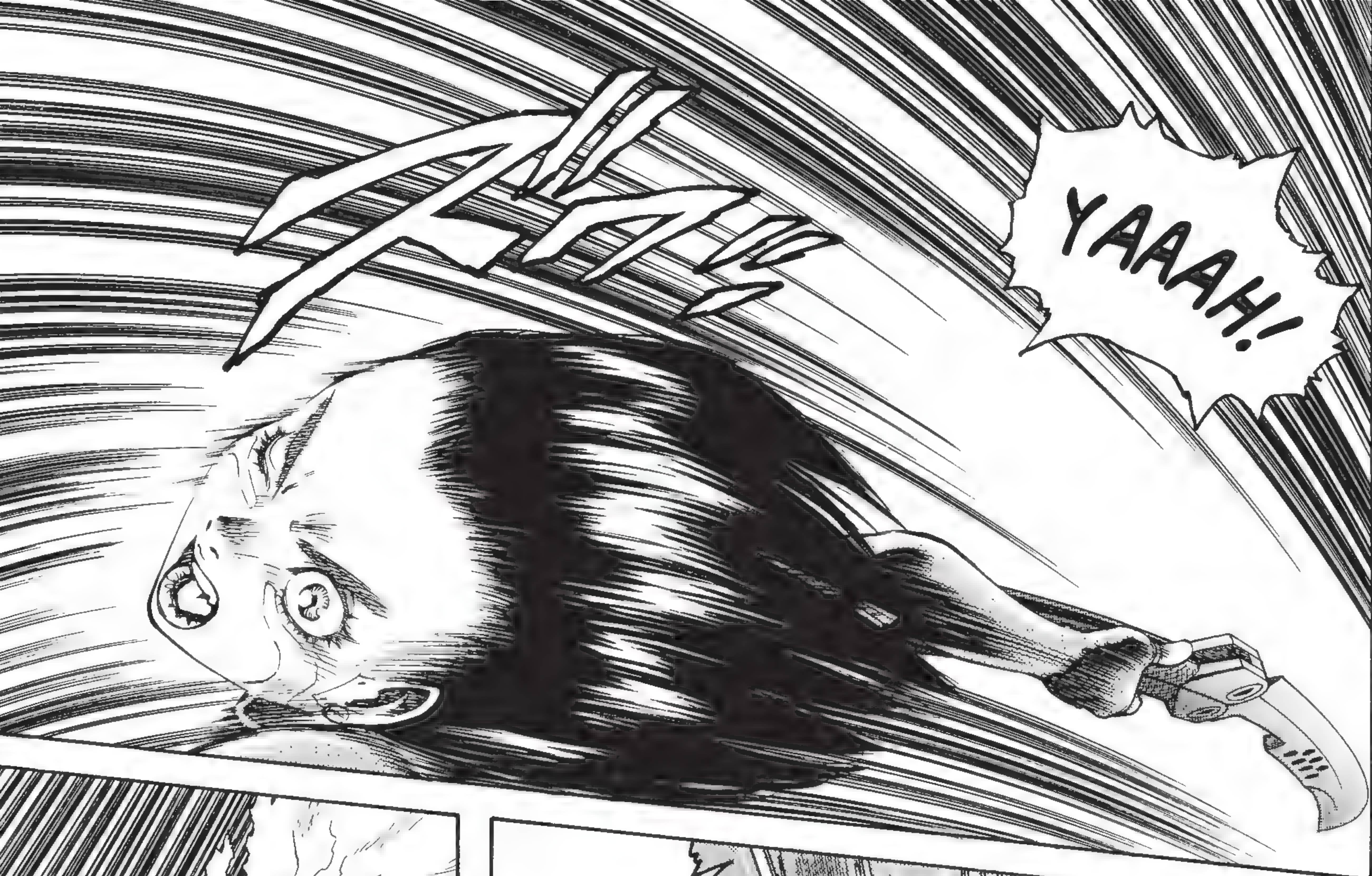
LOLO
LOLO



THAT WATER
PRESSURIZER IS
THE SORT OF TOOL
THAT **SHARPENS**
A DAMASCUS
BLADE. YOU
CAN'T STOP
IT!!

ARE
YOU GOING
TO FIGHT HER
WITH THE
DAMASCUS
BLADE?!
IT WON'T
WORK!!





YAAAH!



PRES-SURIZED SHIELD!!

YOU'RE GOING TO USE THAT BIG OF A SWING, FROM THAT DISTANCE?! I'VE GOT YOU PEGGED ALL THE WAY, YOU FOOL!!



AA-AA!!





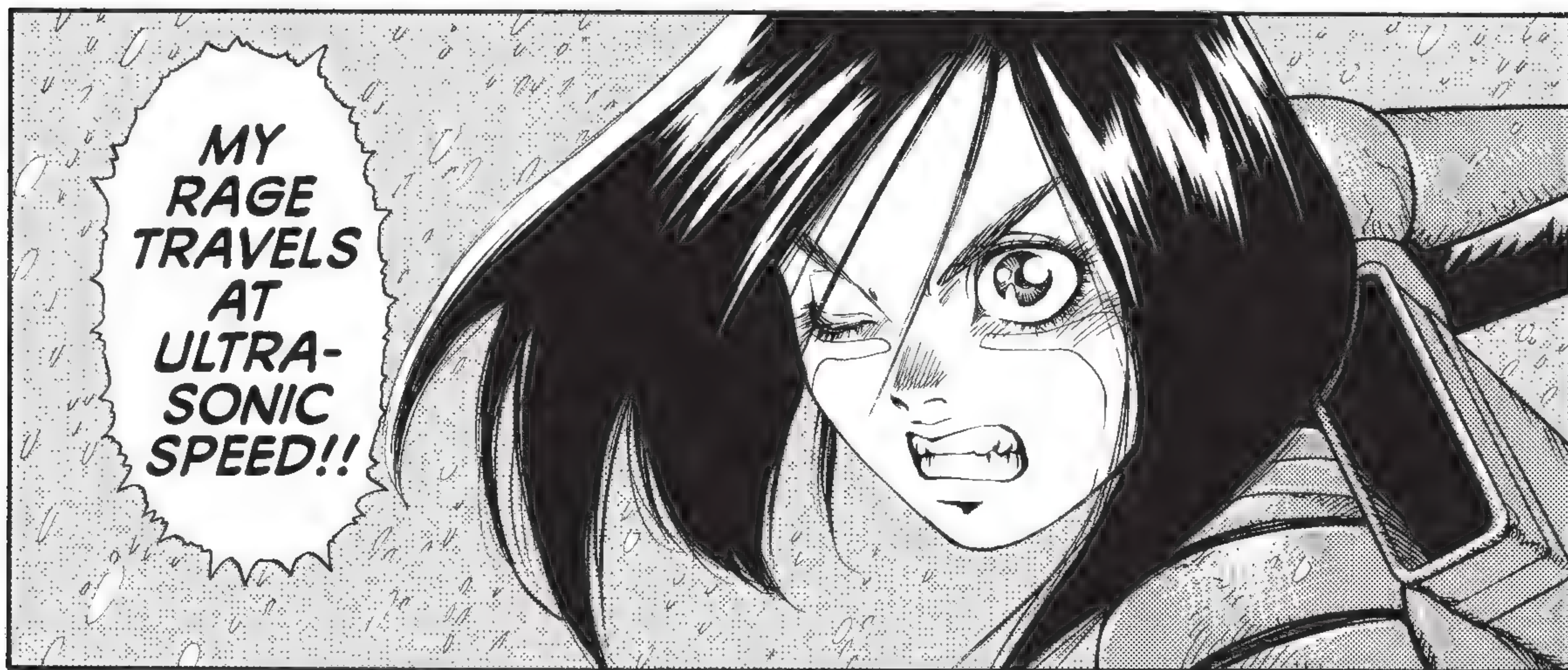
N-NO...
THIS
CAN'T
BE...

I CAN'T...
DIEEEE!

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OH...OF
COURSE! THE TIP
OF THE BLADE
BROKE THROUGH
BY SURPASSING
THE SPEED OF
THE PRESSURIZED
JET!!

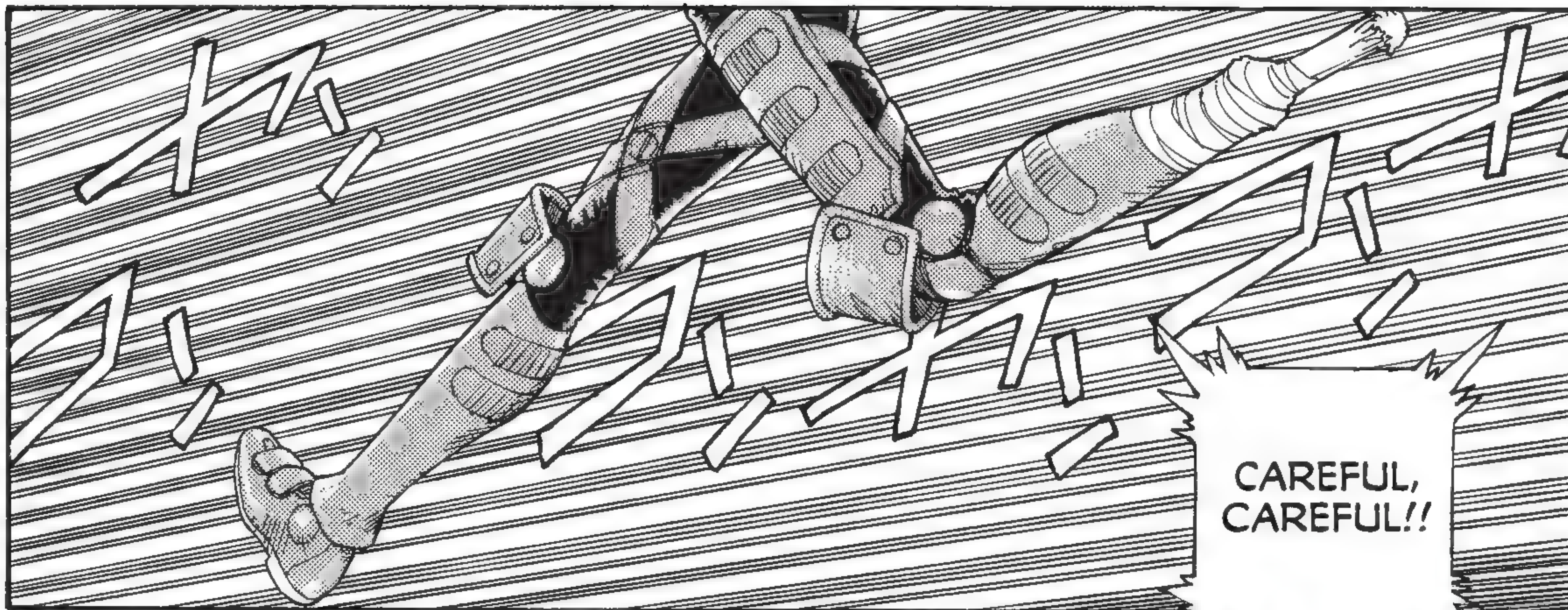


MY
RAGE
TRAVELS
AT
ULTRA-
SONIC
SPEED!!

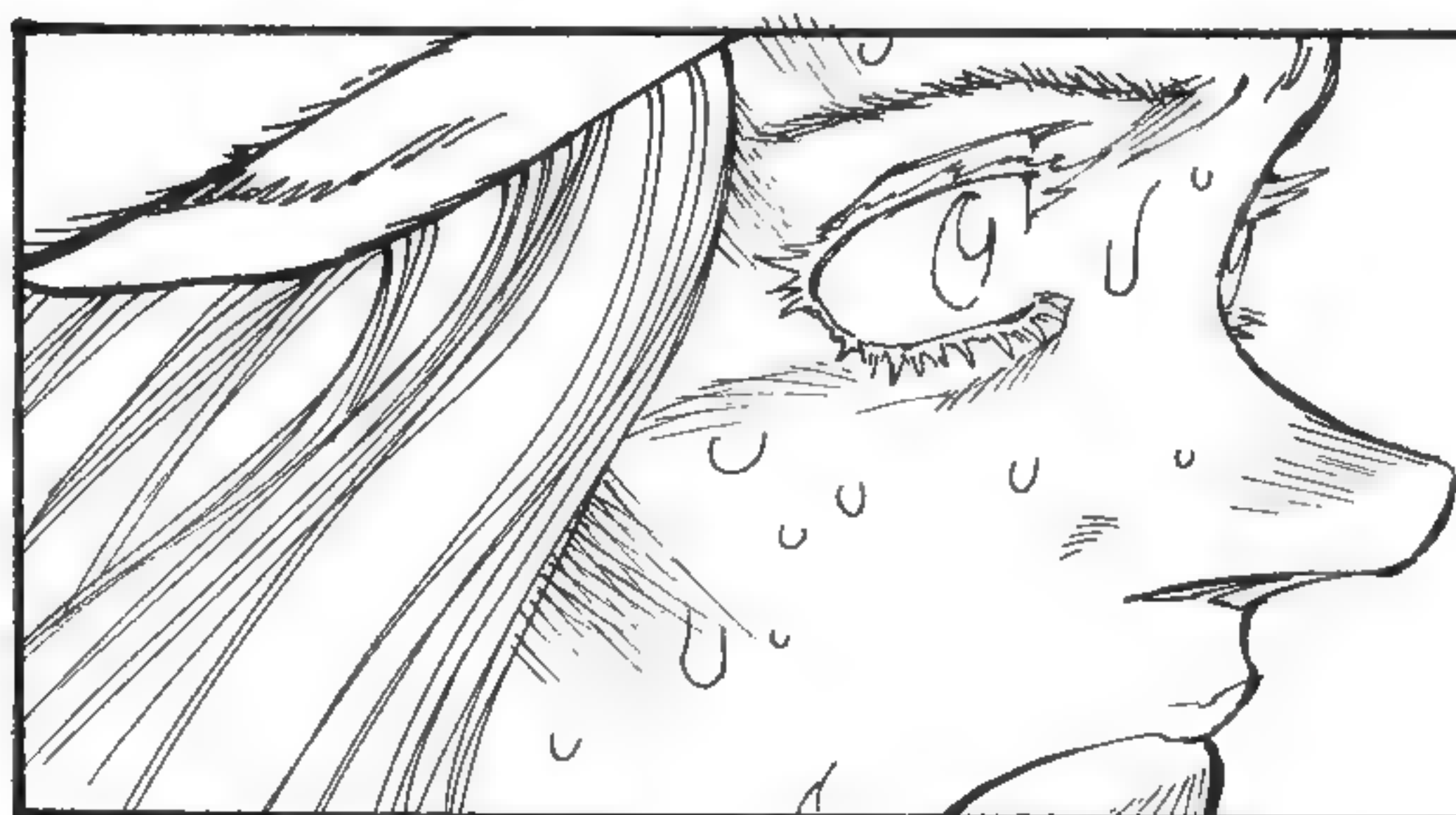


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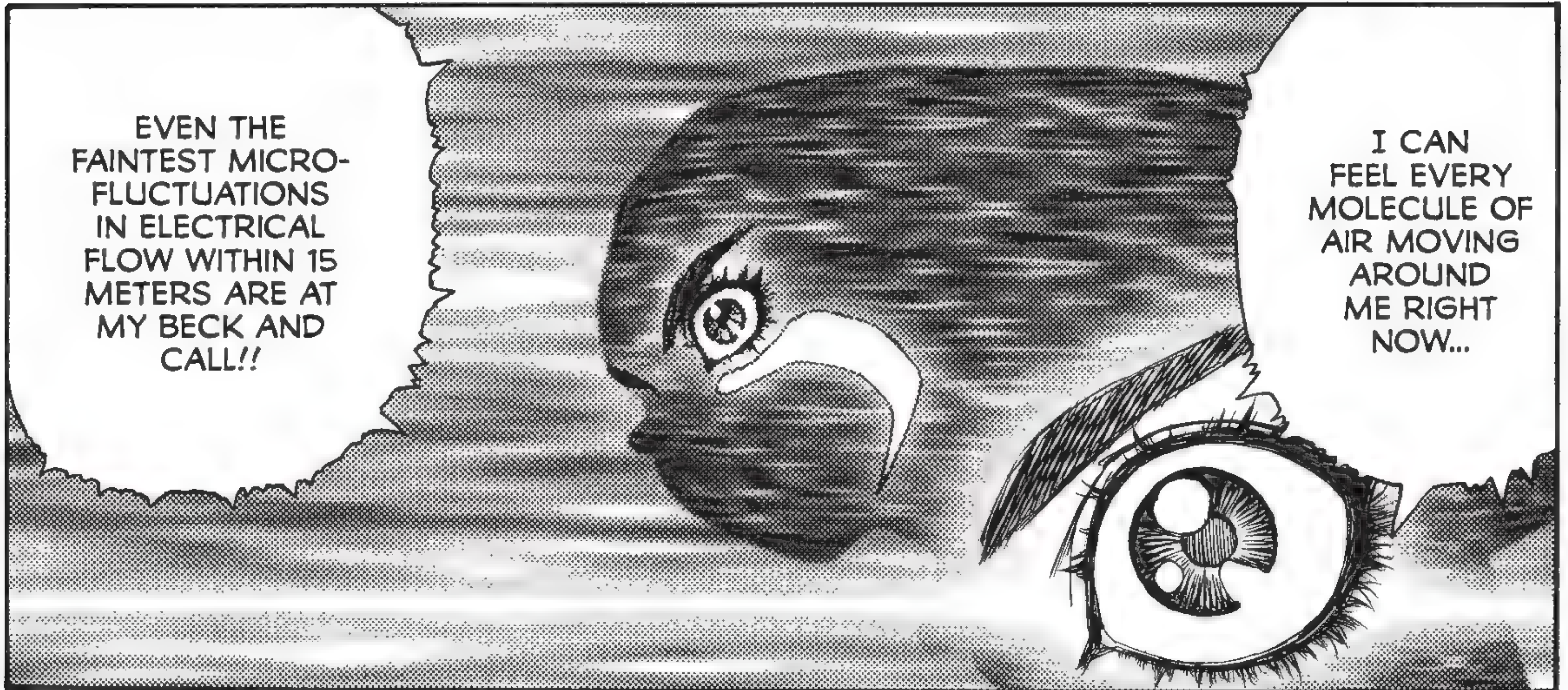
CAREFUL,
CAREFUL!!



THIS IS MY
FATHER WE'RE
DEALING WITH,
ALITA! HE COULD
HAVE SET UP
ANY KIND OF
TRAP!!

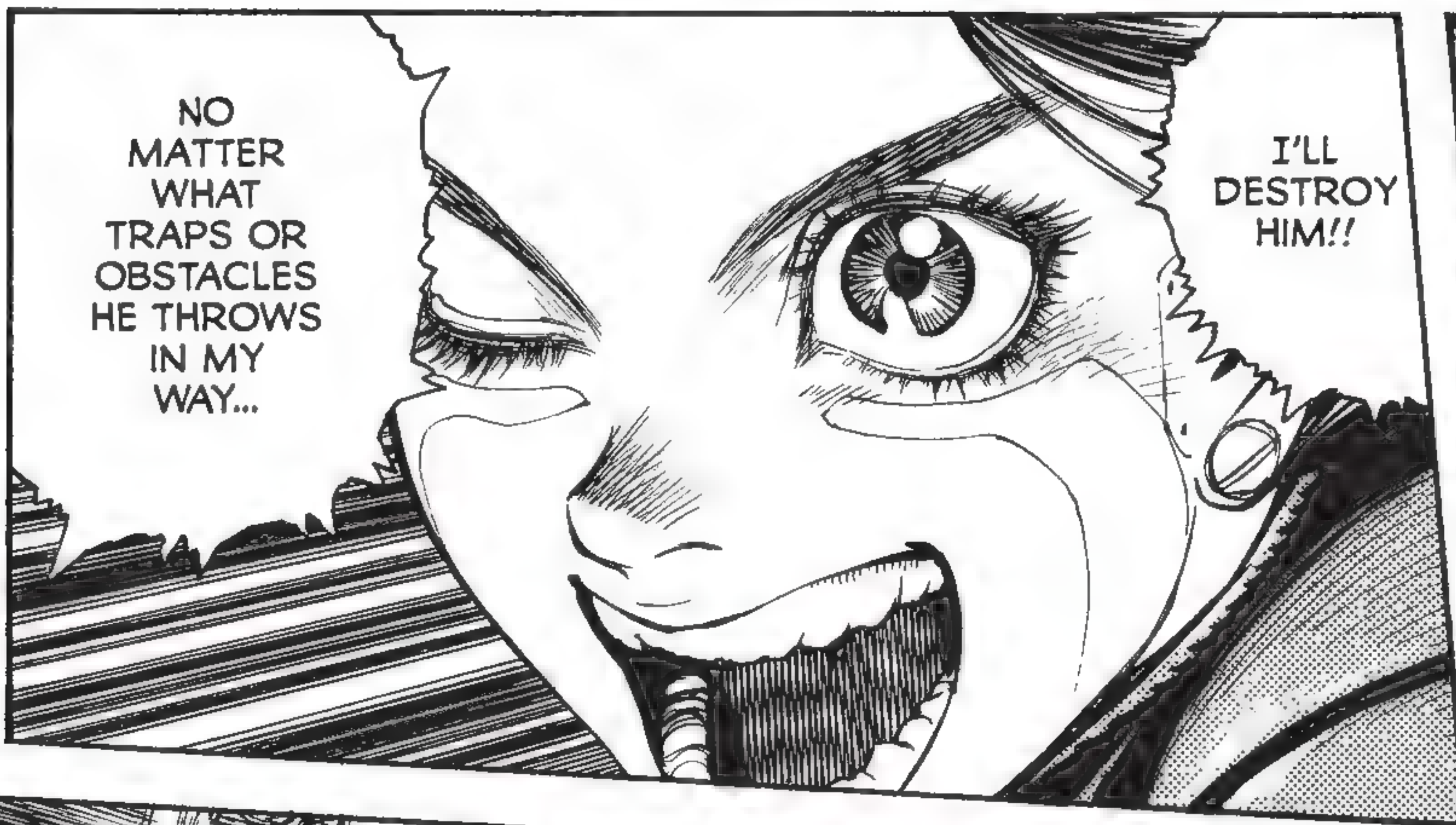


HA HA HA!
LISTEN UP,
KAOS!



EVEN THE
FAINTEST MICRO-
FLUCTUATIONS
IN ELECTRICAL
FLOW WITHIN 15
METERS ARE AT
MY BECK AND
CALL!!

I CAN
FEEL EVERY
MOLECULE OF
AIR MOVING
AROUND
ME RIGHT
NOW...

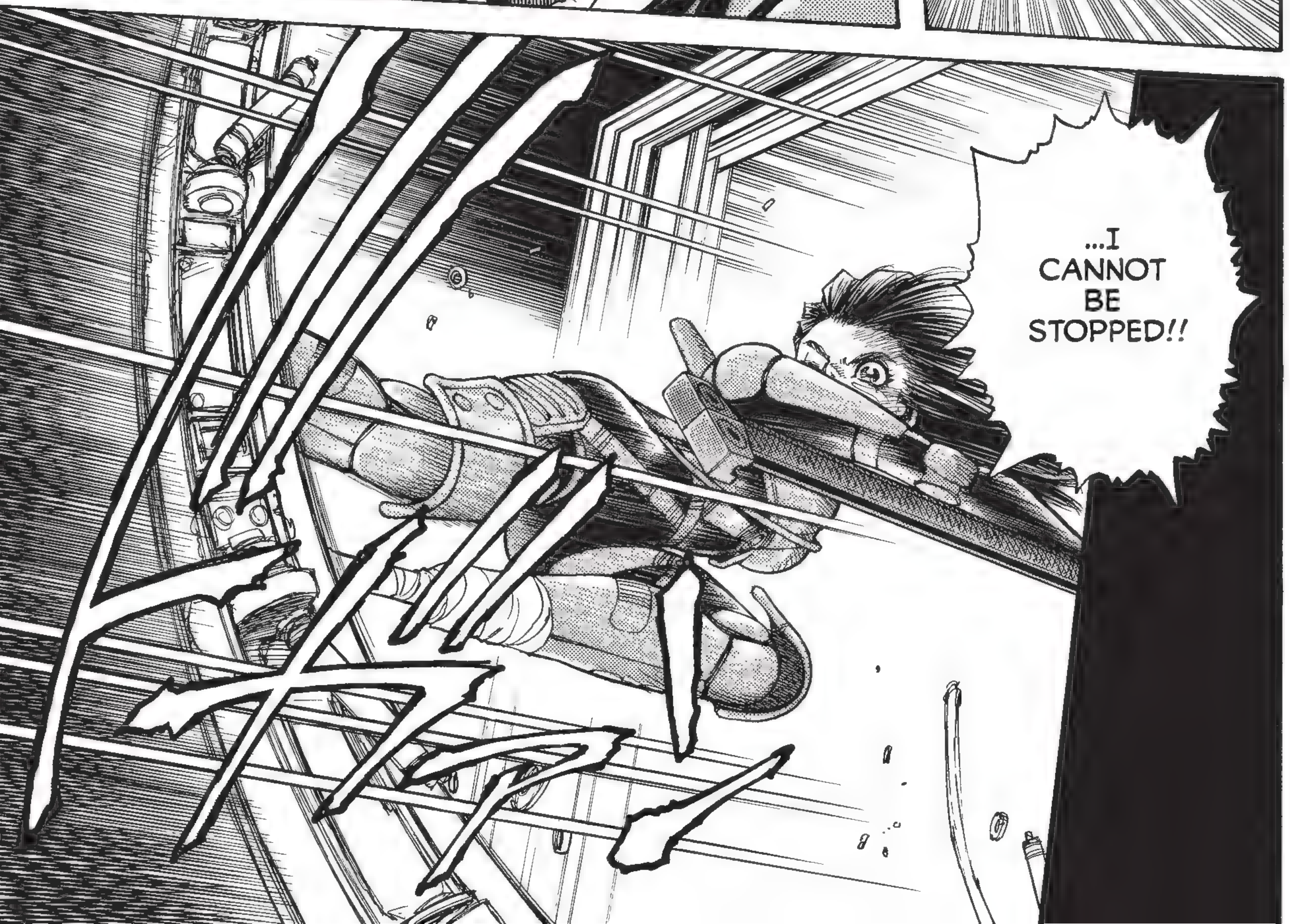


NO
MATTER
WHAT
TRAPS OR
OBSTACLES
HE THROWS
IN MY
WAY...

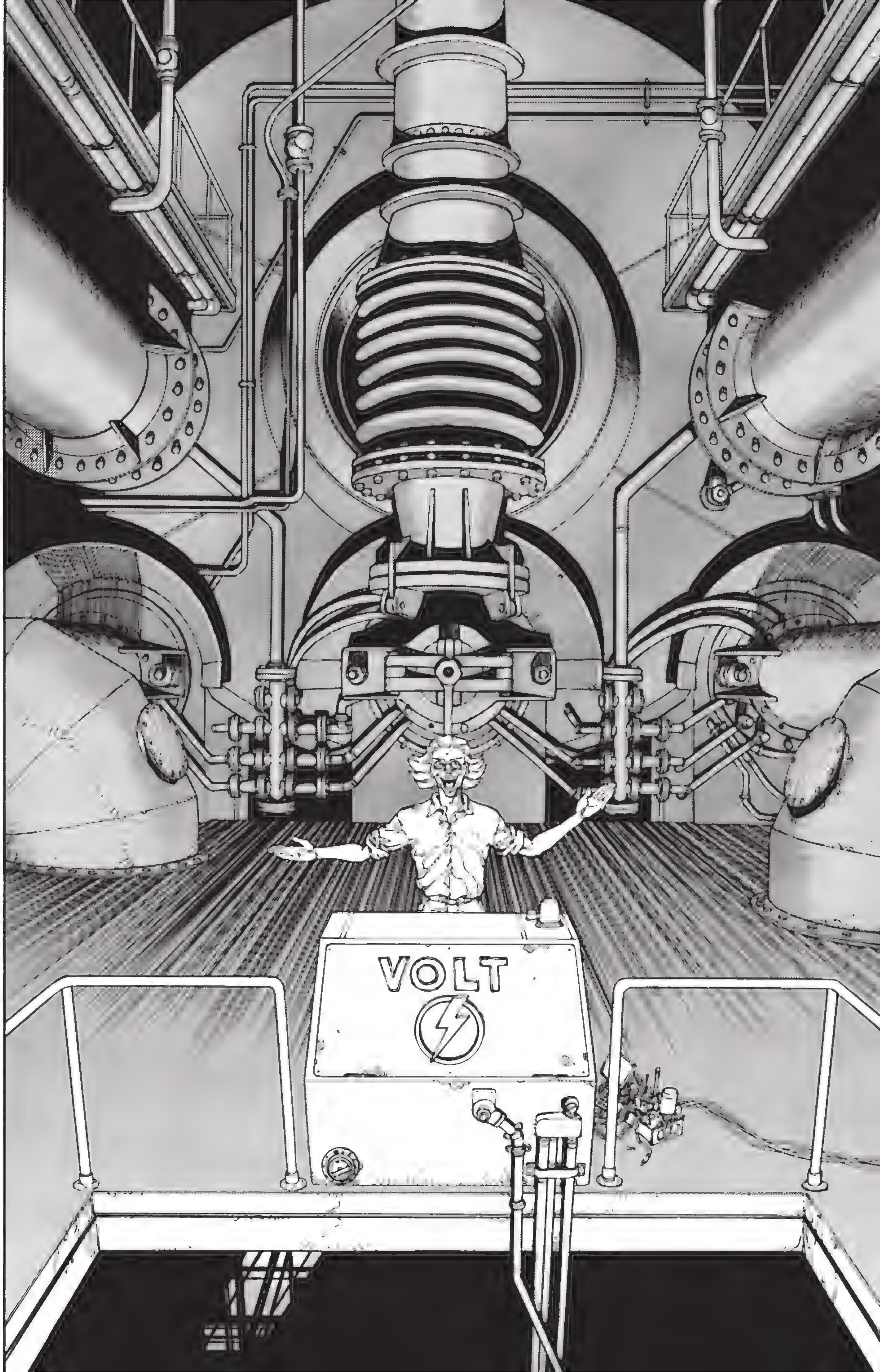
I'LL
DESTROY
HIM!!

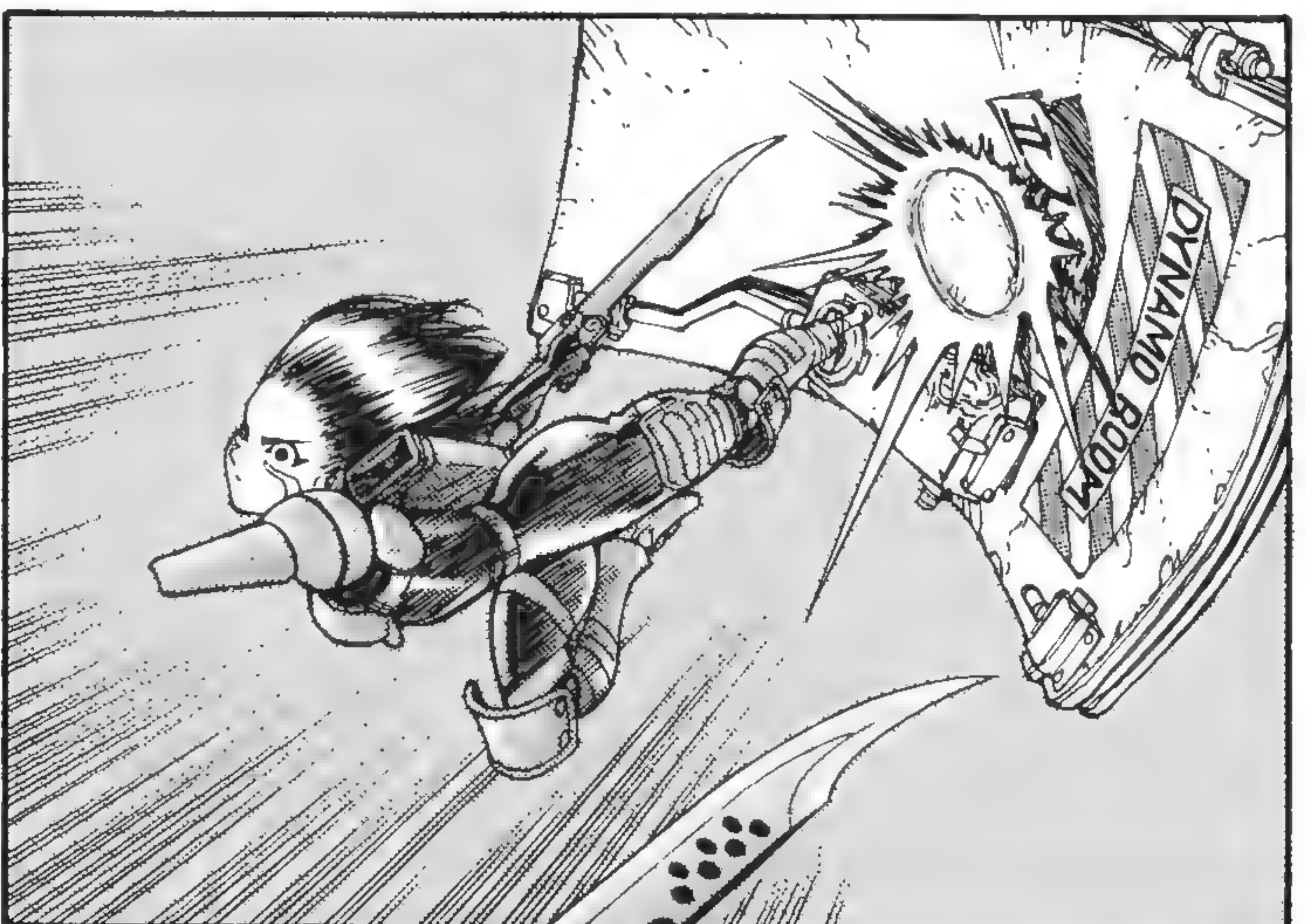
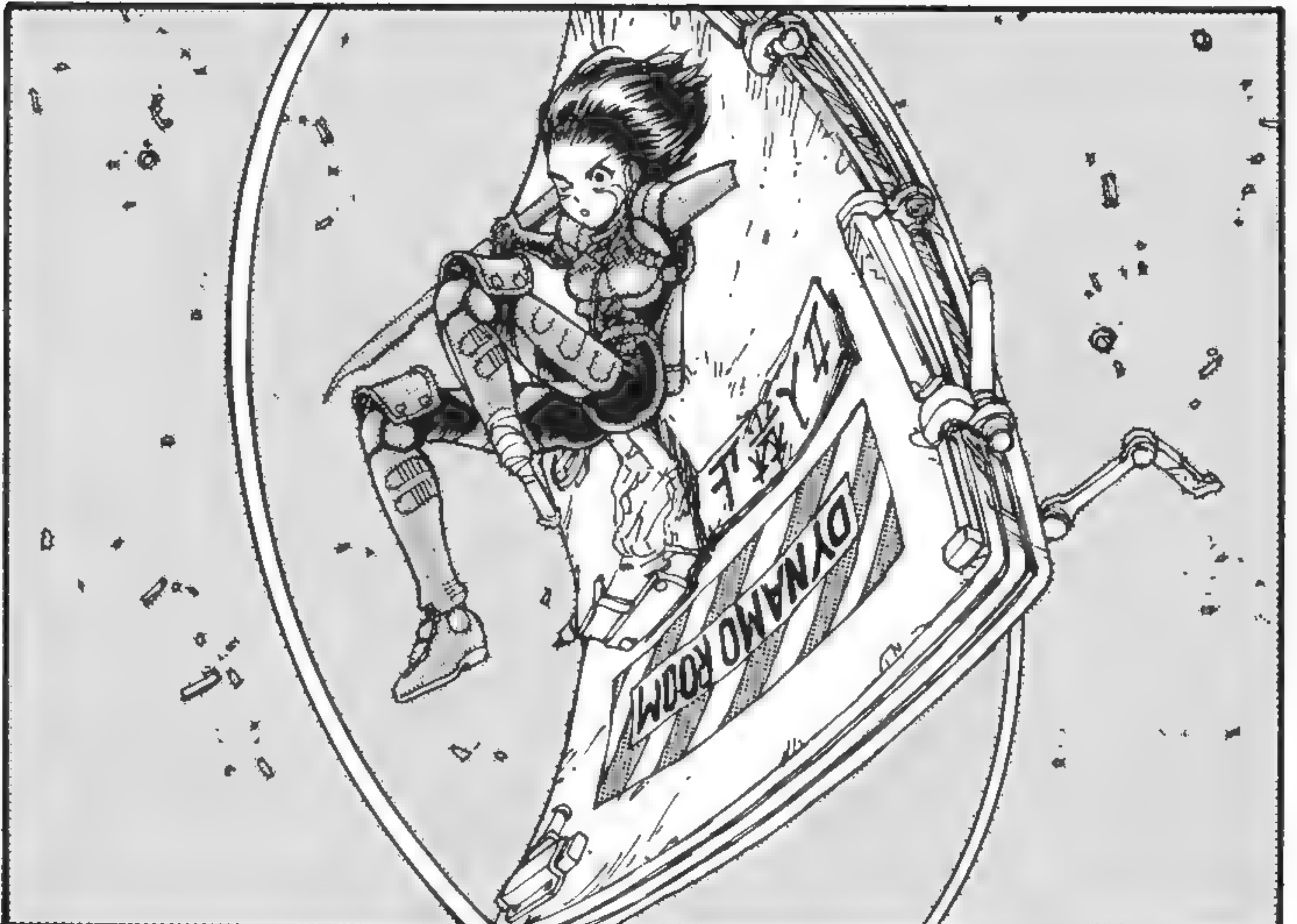
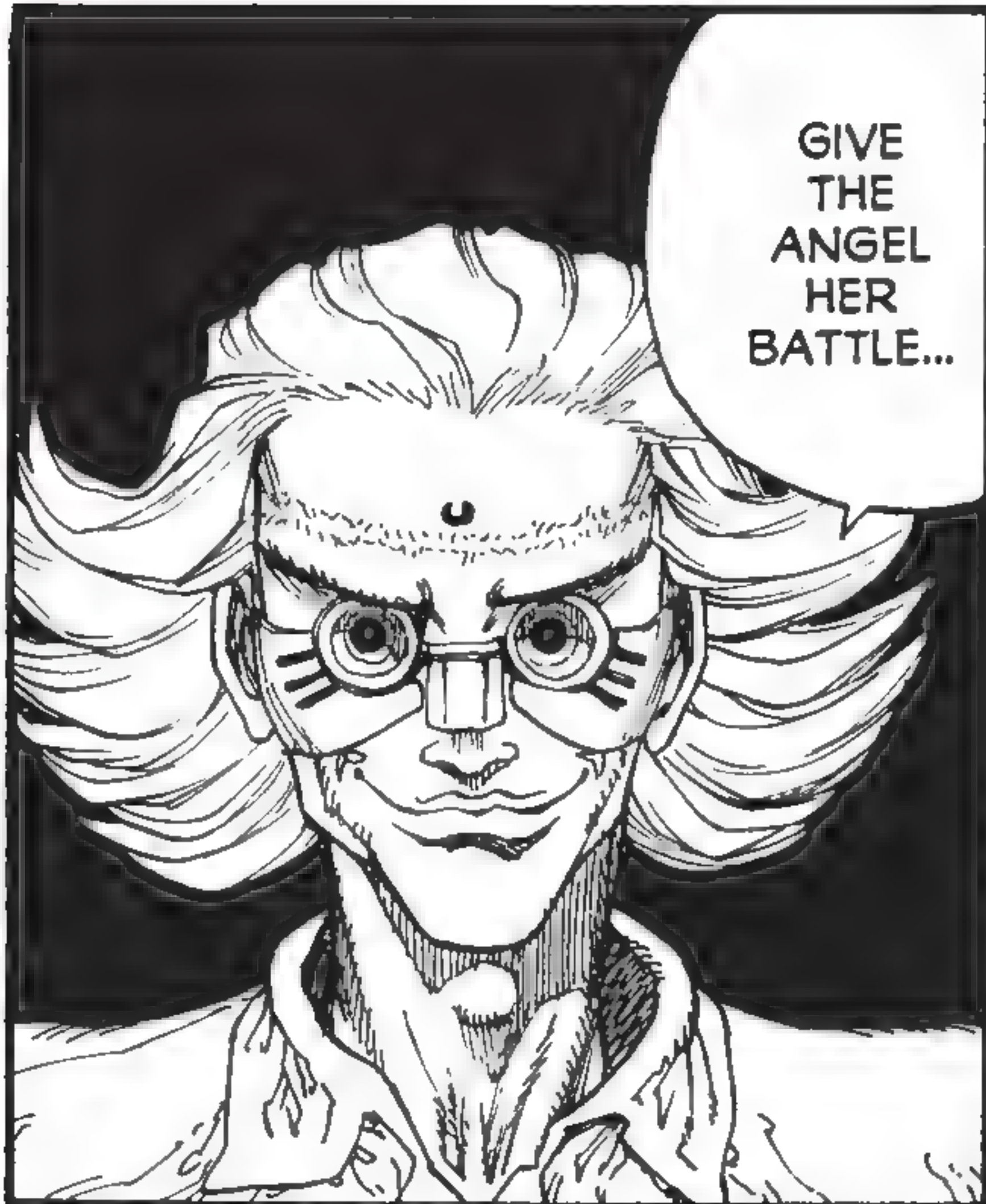


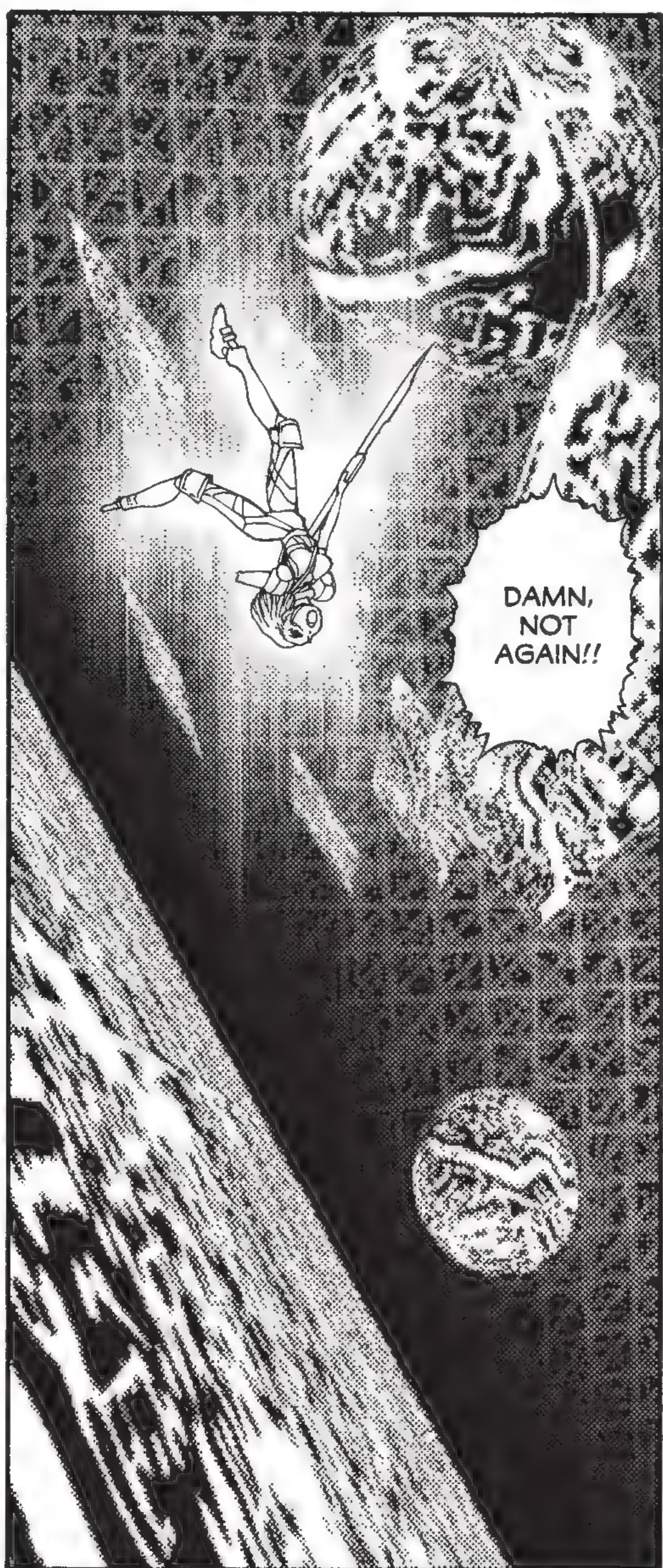
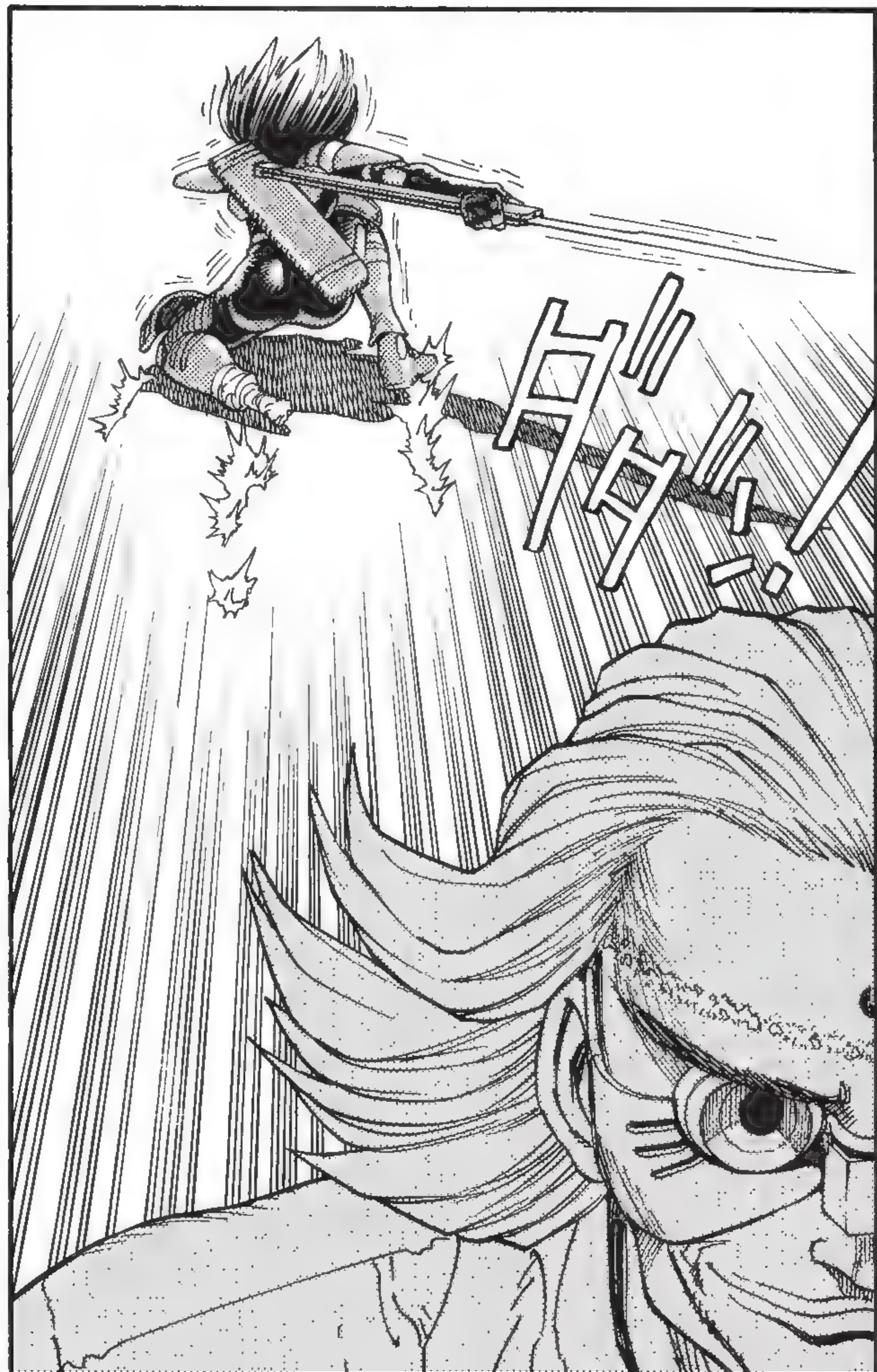
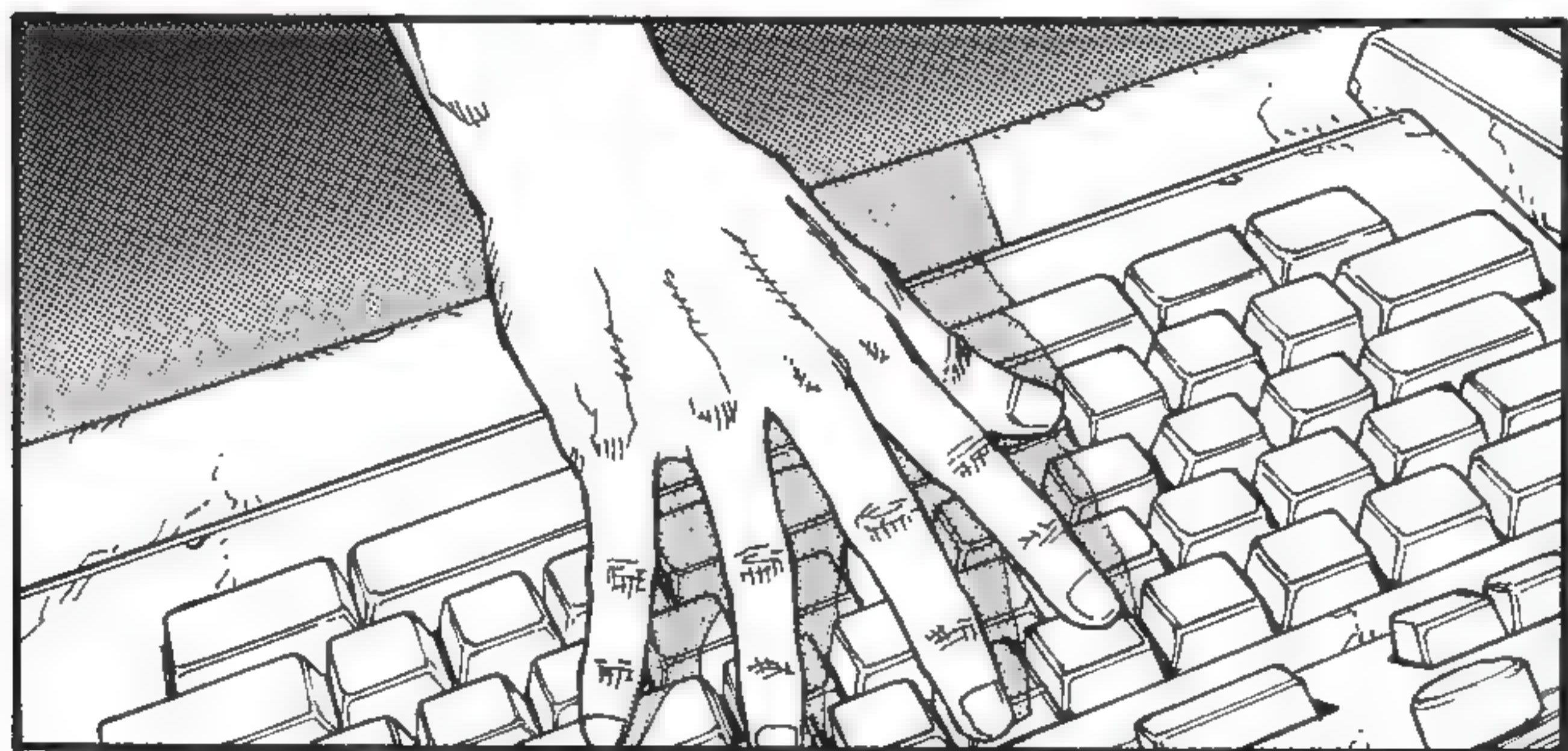
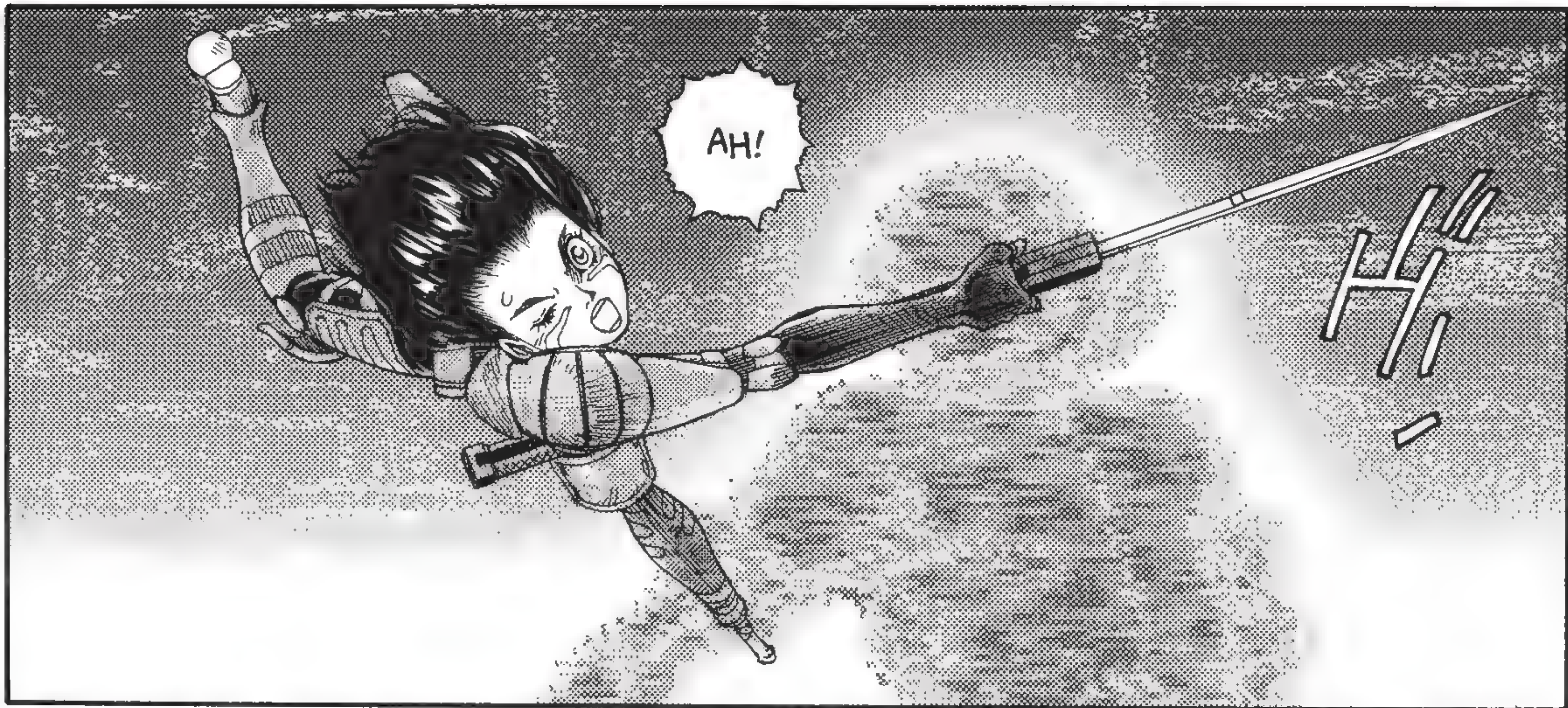
I'VE
NEVER
FELT SUCH
A TRIUM-
PHANT
SURGE IN
KI!!



...I
CANNOT
BE
STOPPED!!









YOUR
OUROBOROS
INFINITE LOOP
CAN'T STOP
ALITA NOW,
FATHER!



I
SUPPOSE
I'LL NEED
TO KEEP MY
DISTANCE,
LEST I GET
MYSELF
SLICED TO
BITS.

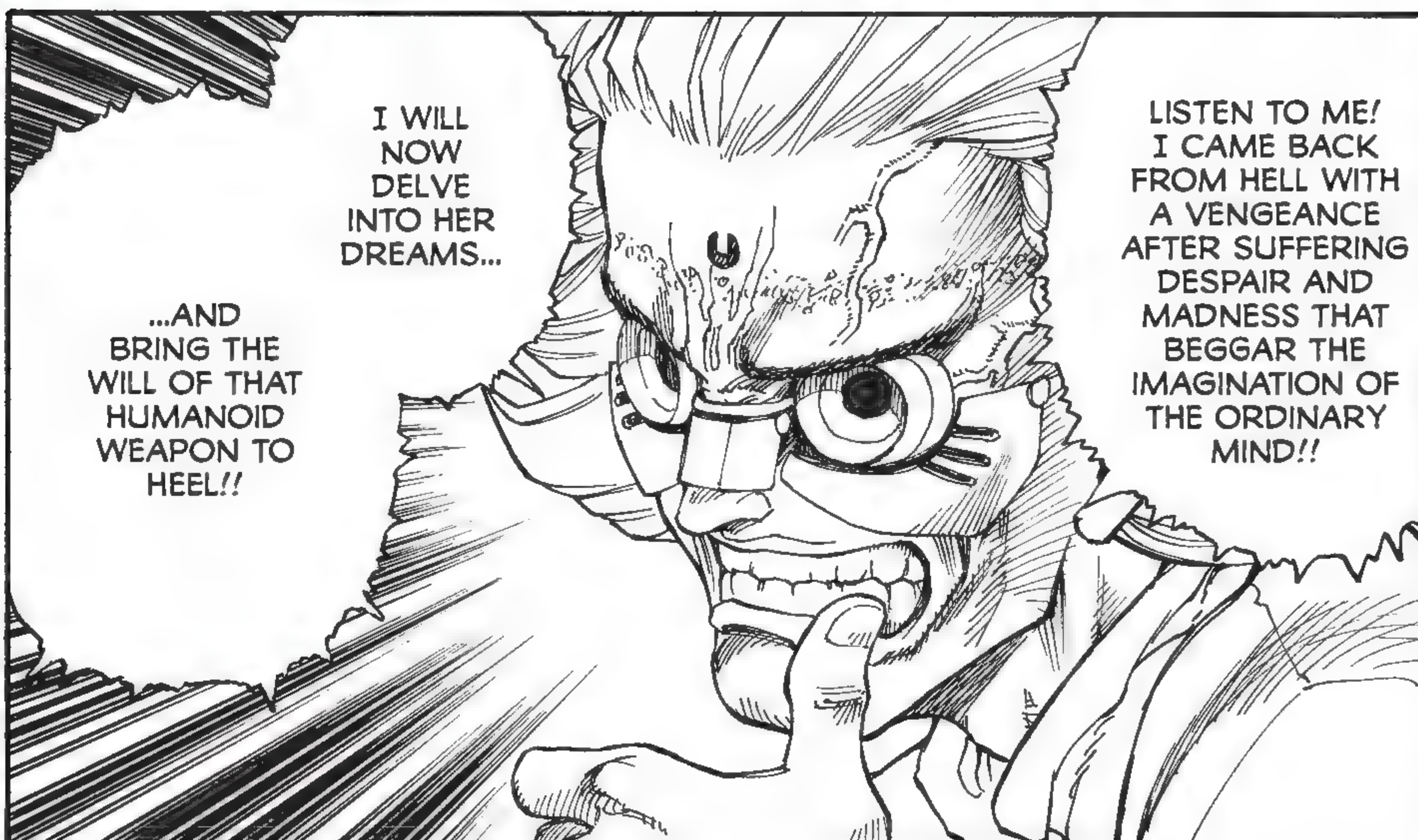
WELL DONE!
YOU LANDED
PROPERLY,
DESPITE THE
ABSENCE
OF YOUR
CONSCIOUS
MIND.



BUT
I DID NOT
TAP INTO THE
OUROBOROS
TO TOY WITH
HER THIS
TIME...

THEREFORE,
I CAN STILL
ACCESS THE
OUROBOROS
PROGRAM I
HACKED INTO
HER LINE
WHENEVER
I WANT!!

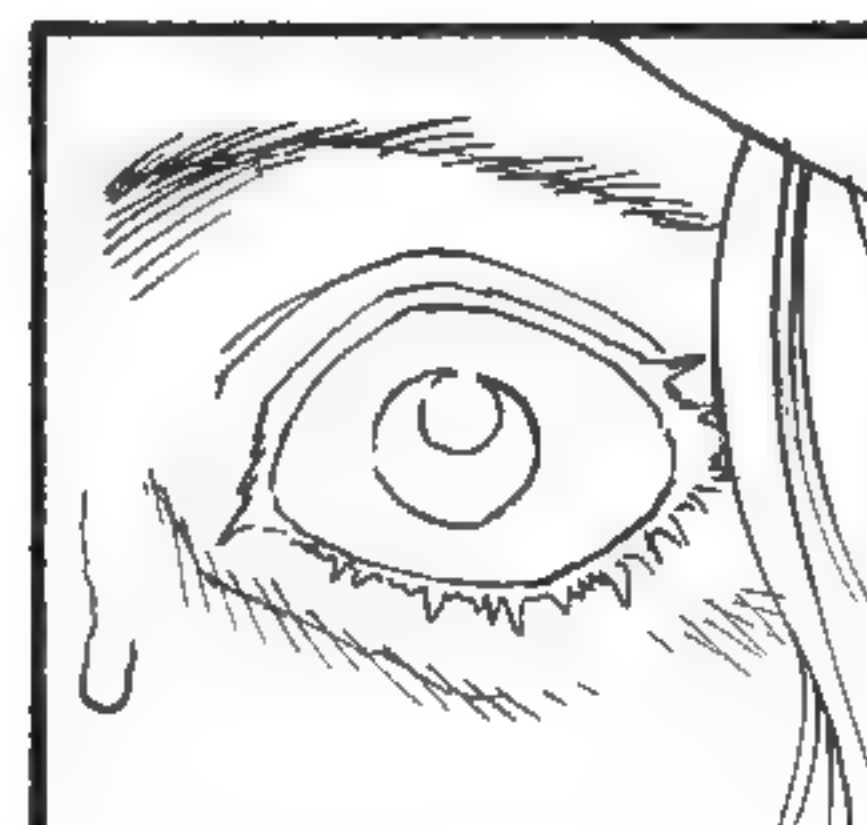
THE *GIB*
OPERATORS
MAY HAVE
BEEN WIPED
OUT, BUT
HER *TUNED*
CHANNEL
IS STILL
ACTIVE.

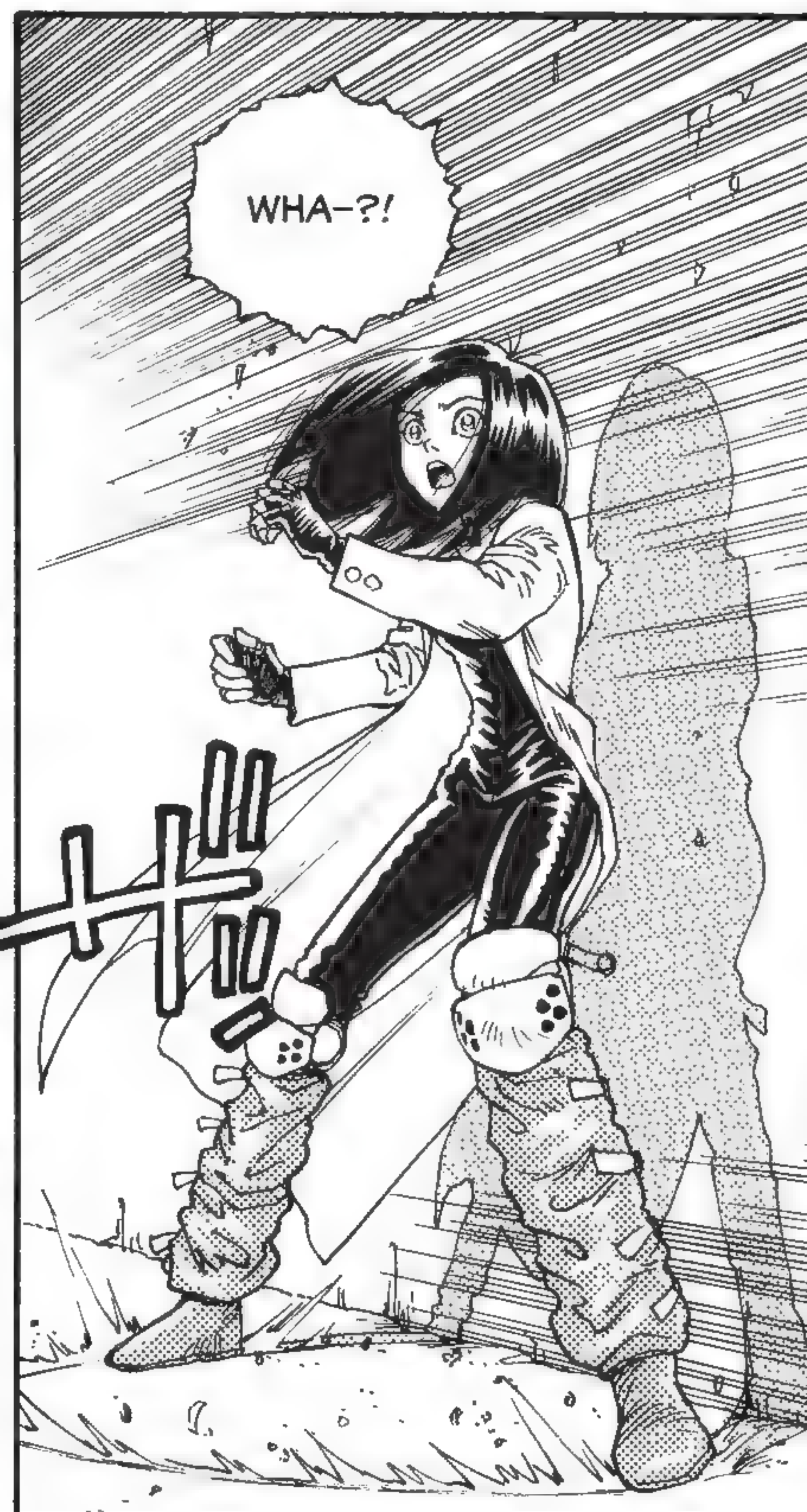
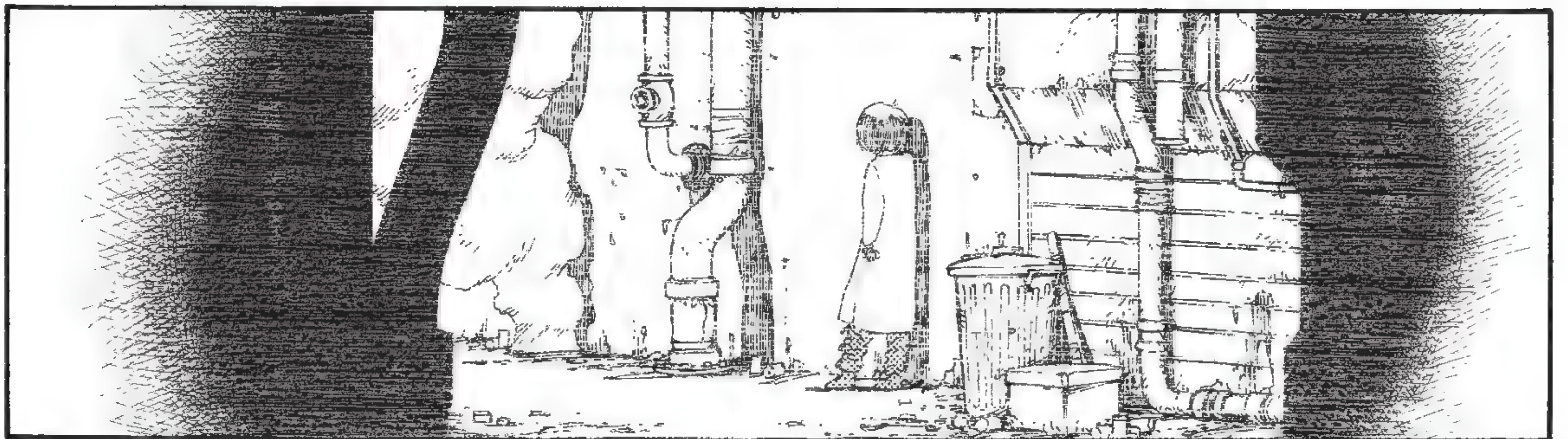
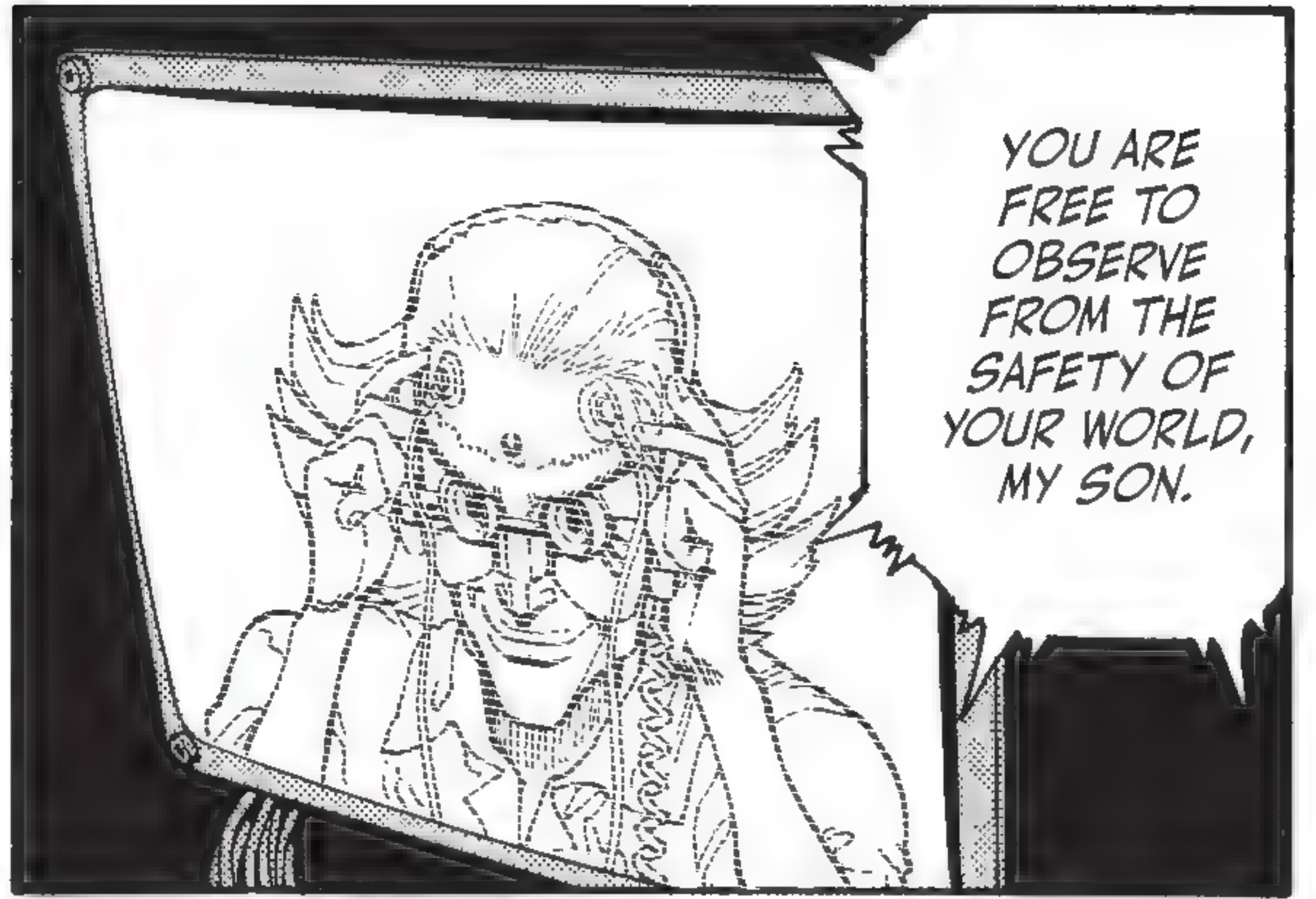
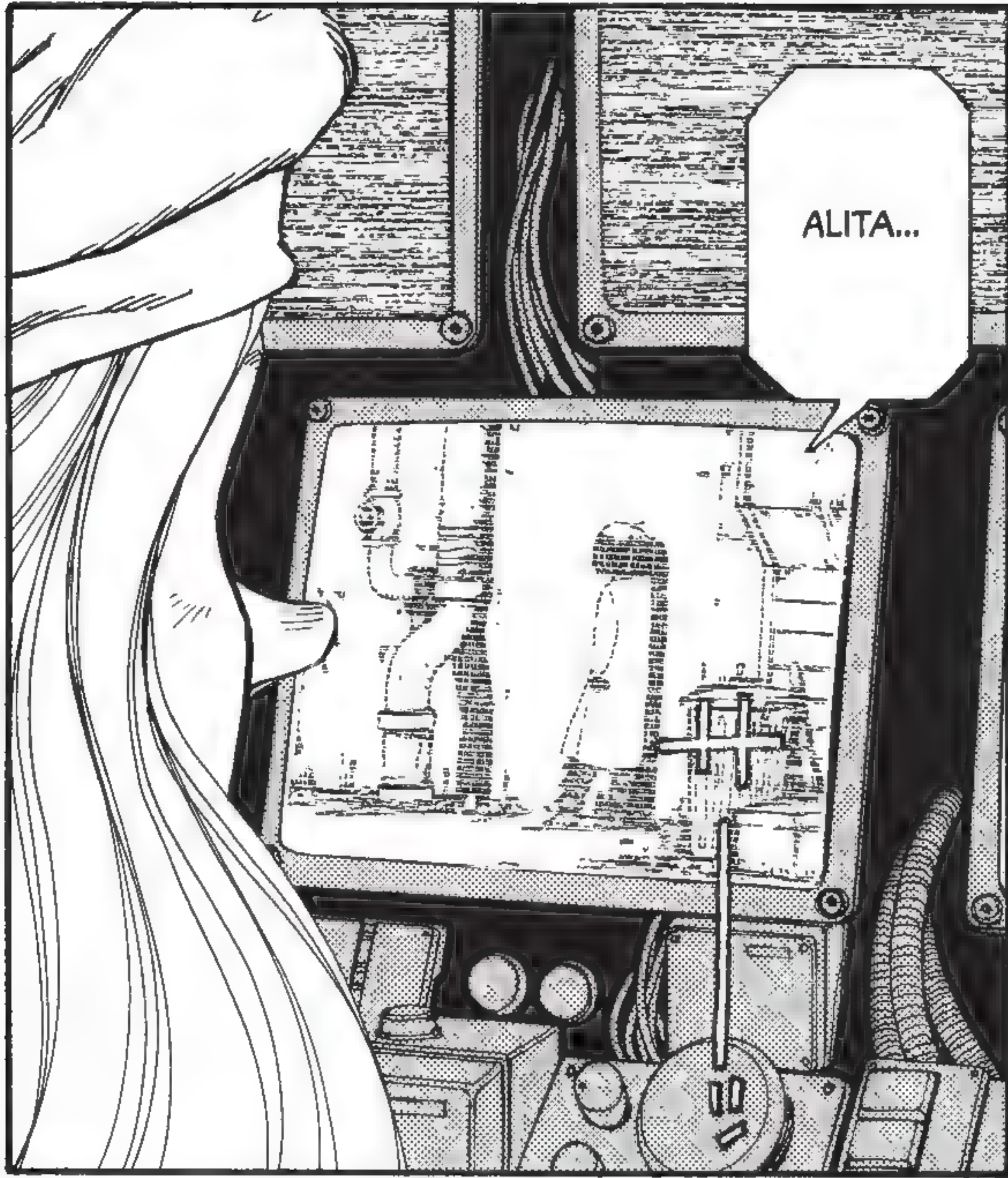


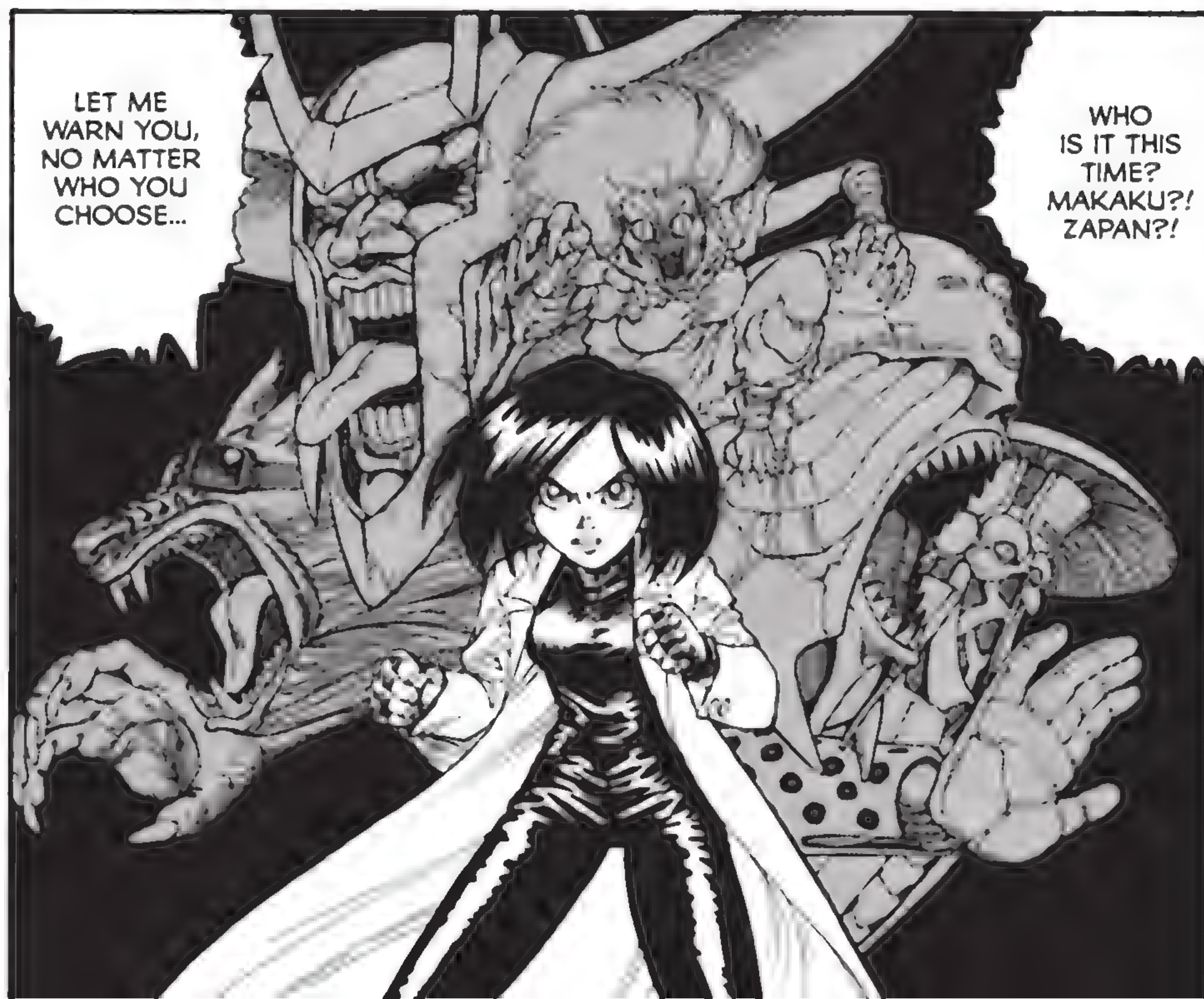
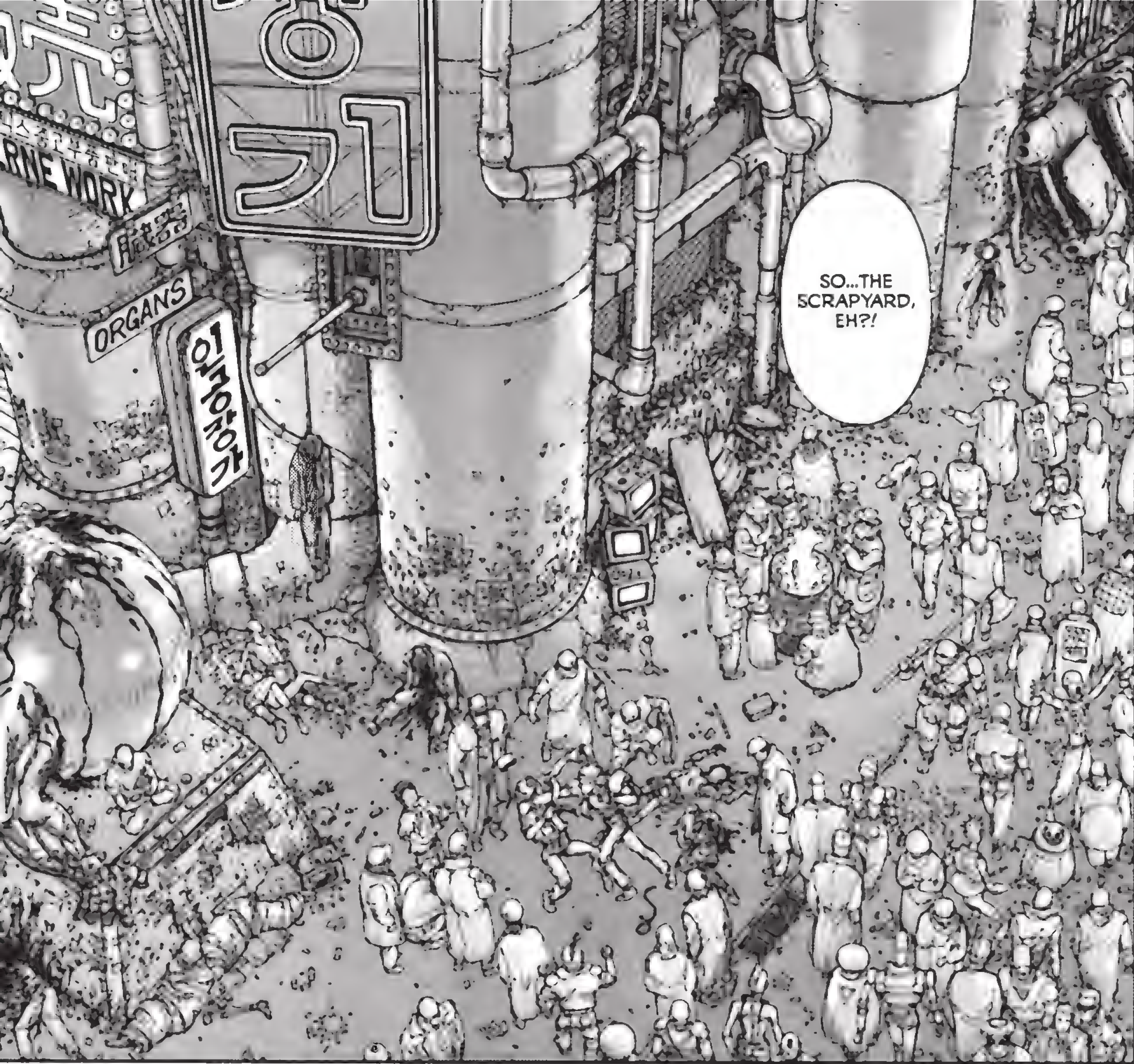
I WILL
NOW
DELVE
INTO HER
DREAMS...

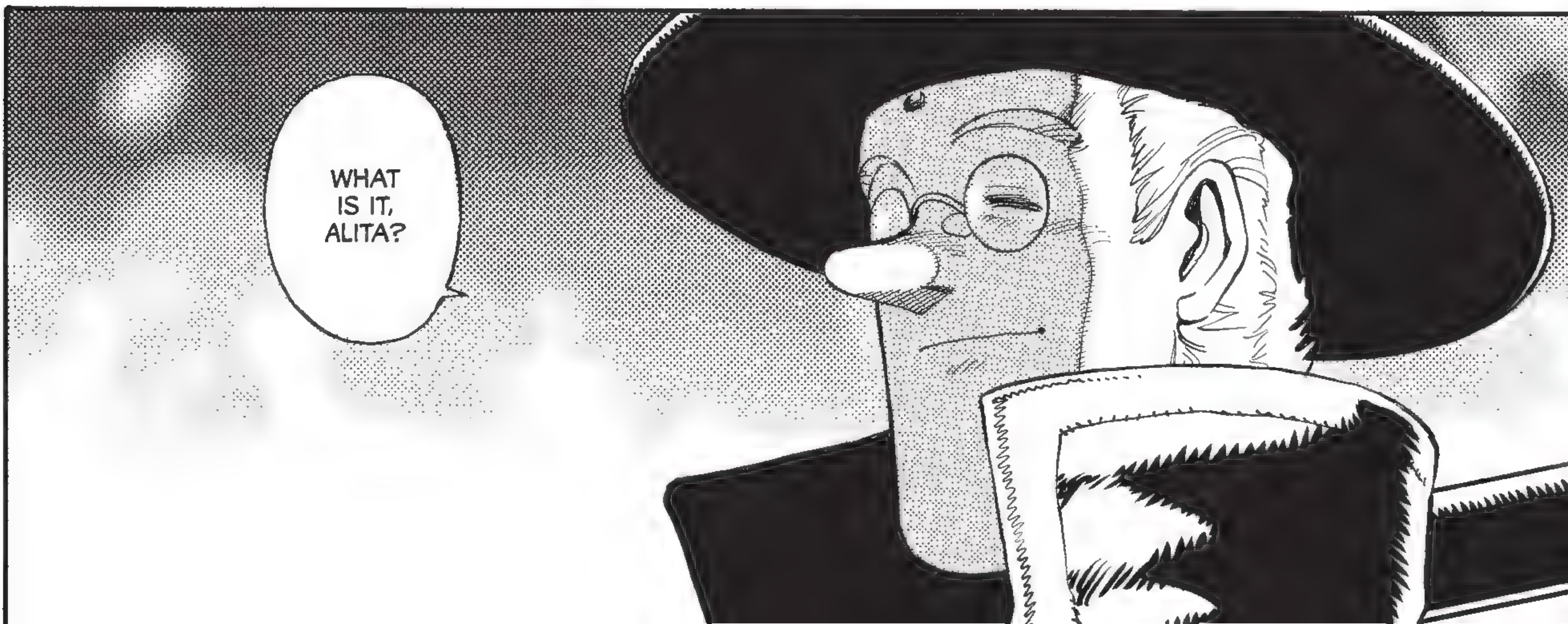
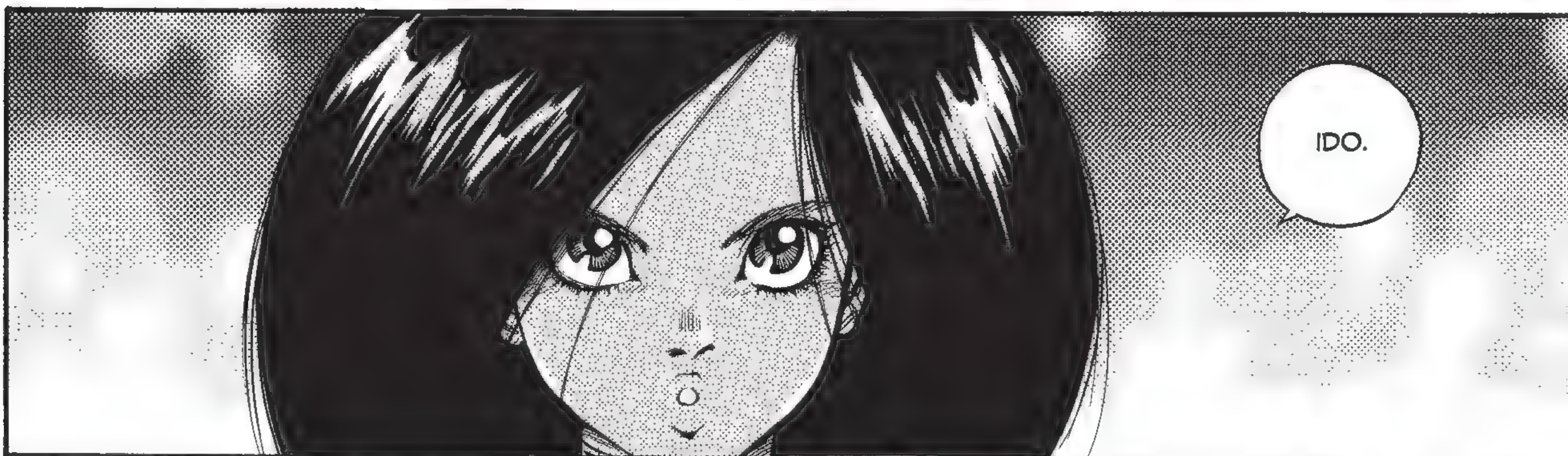
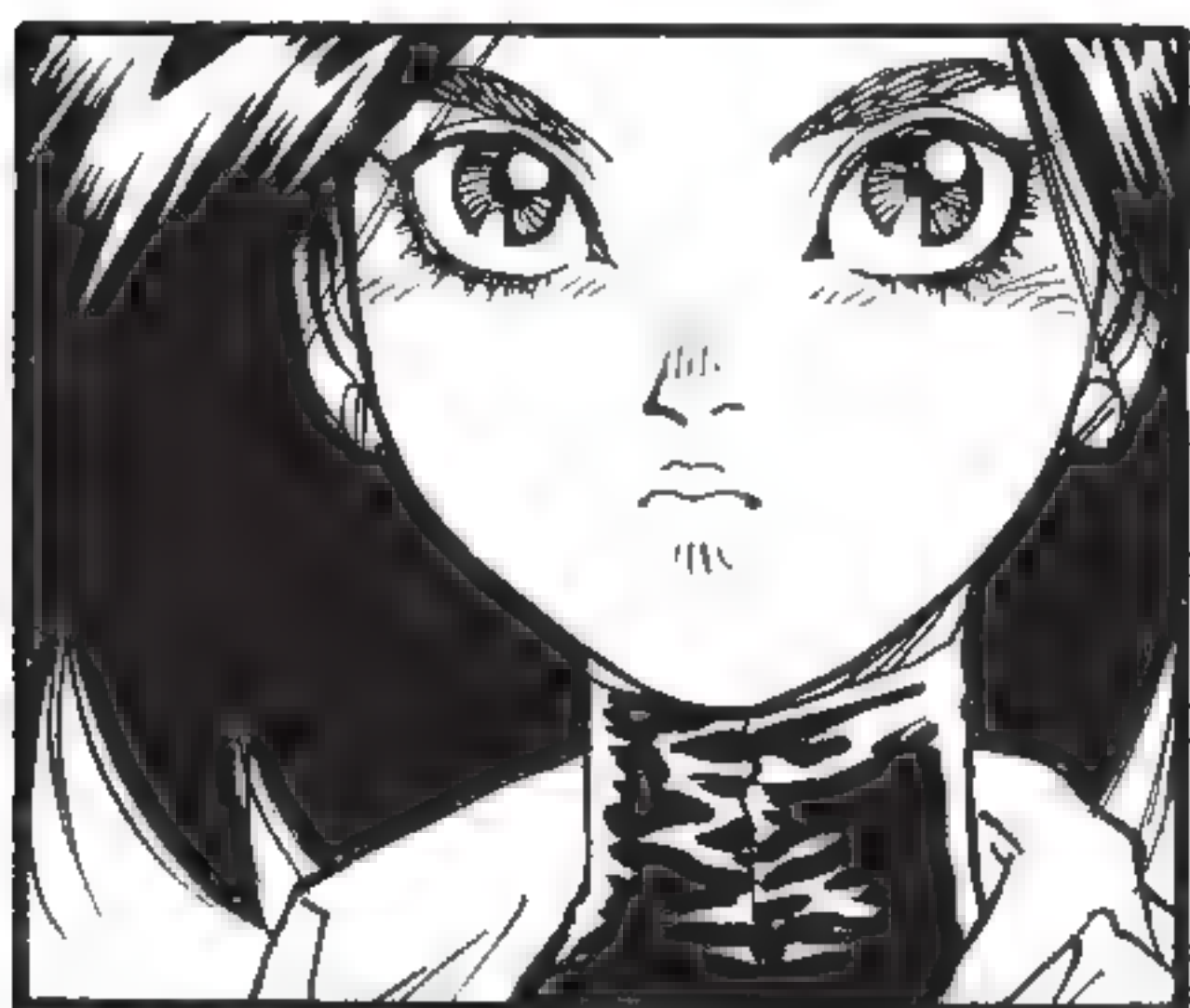
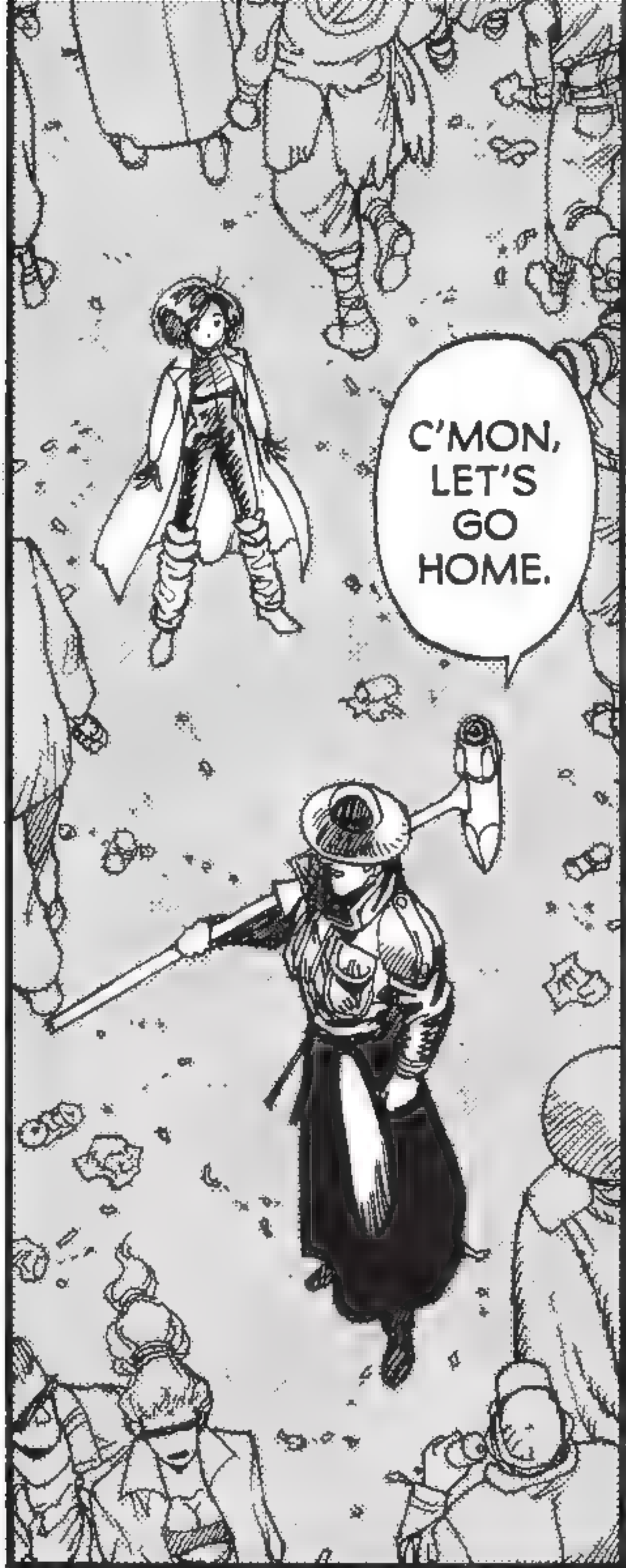
...AND
BRING THE
WILL OF THAT
HUMANOID
WEAPON TO
HEEL!!

LISTEN TO ME!
I CAME BACK
FROM HELL WITH
A VENGEANCE
AFTER SUFFERING
DESPAIR AND
MADNESS THAT
BEGGAR THE
IMAGINATION OF
THE ORDINARY
MIND!!

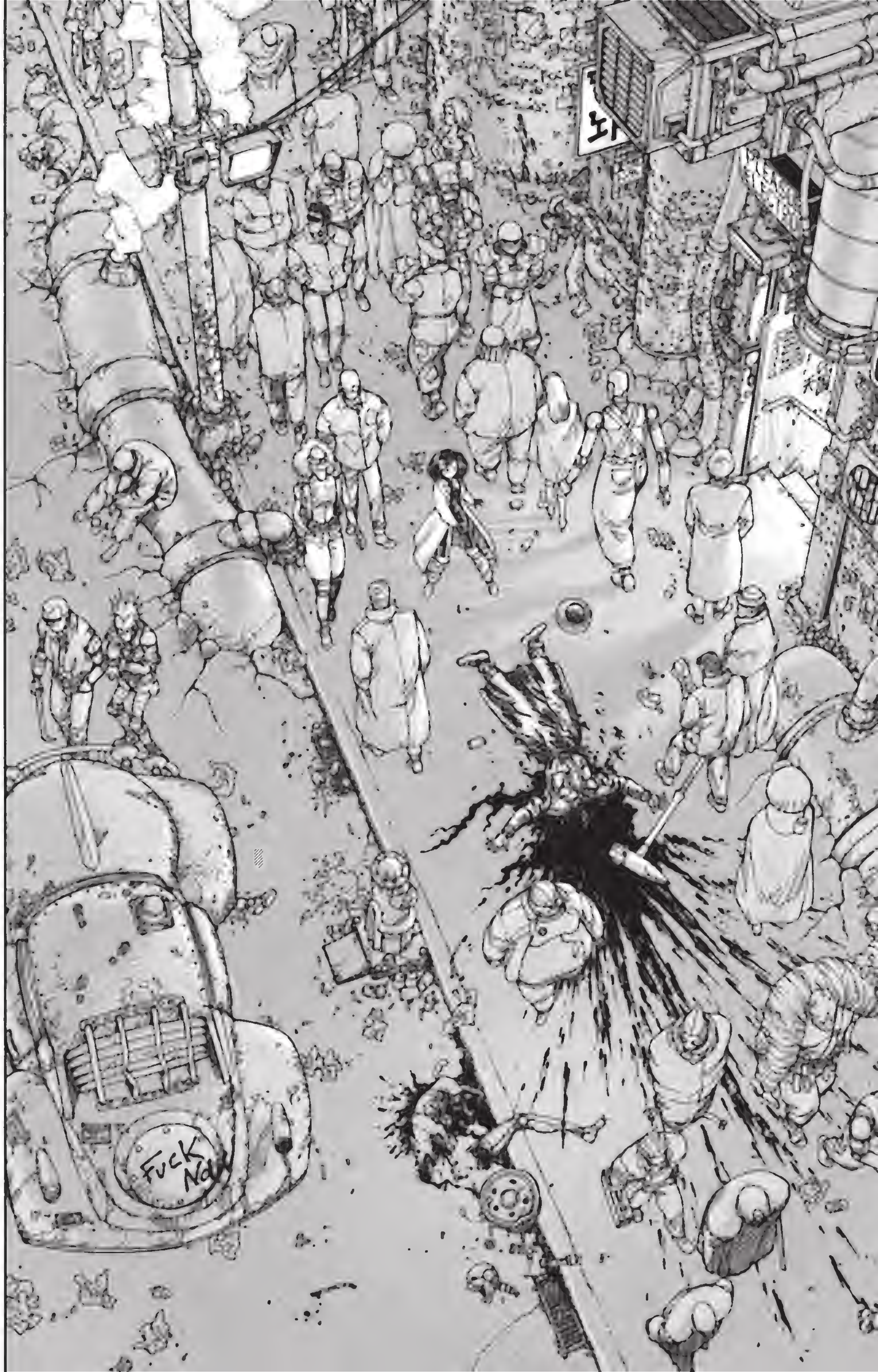


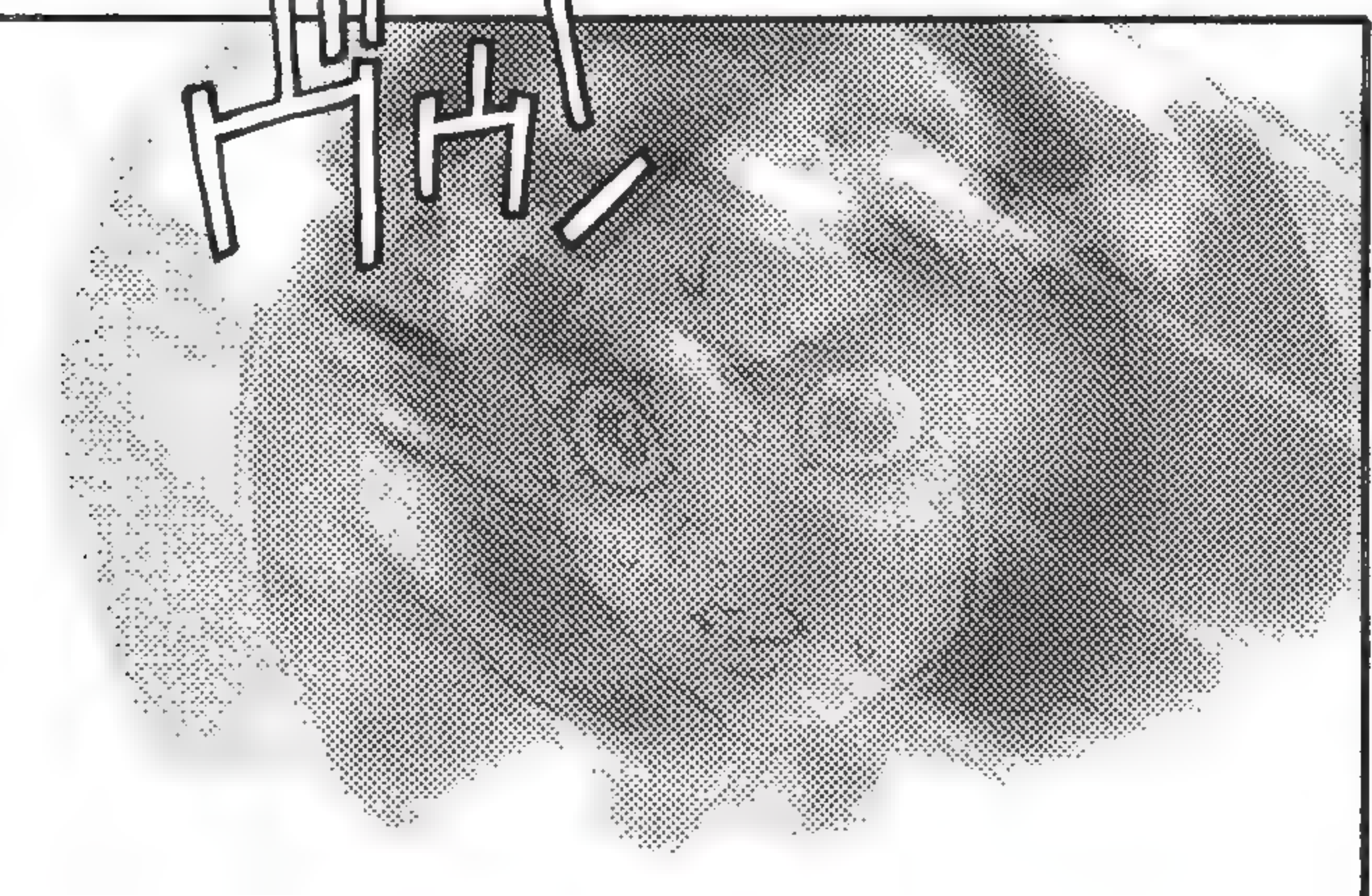


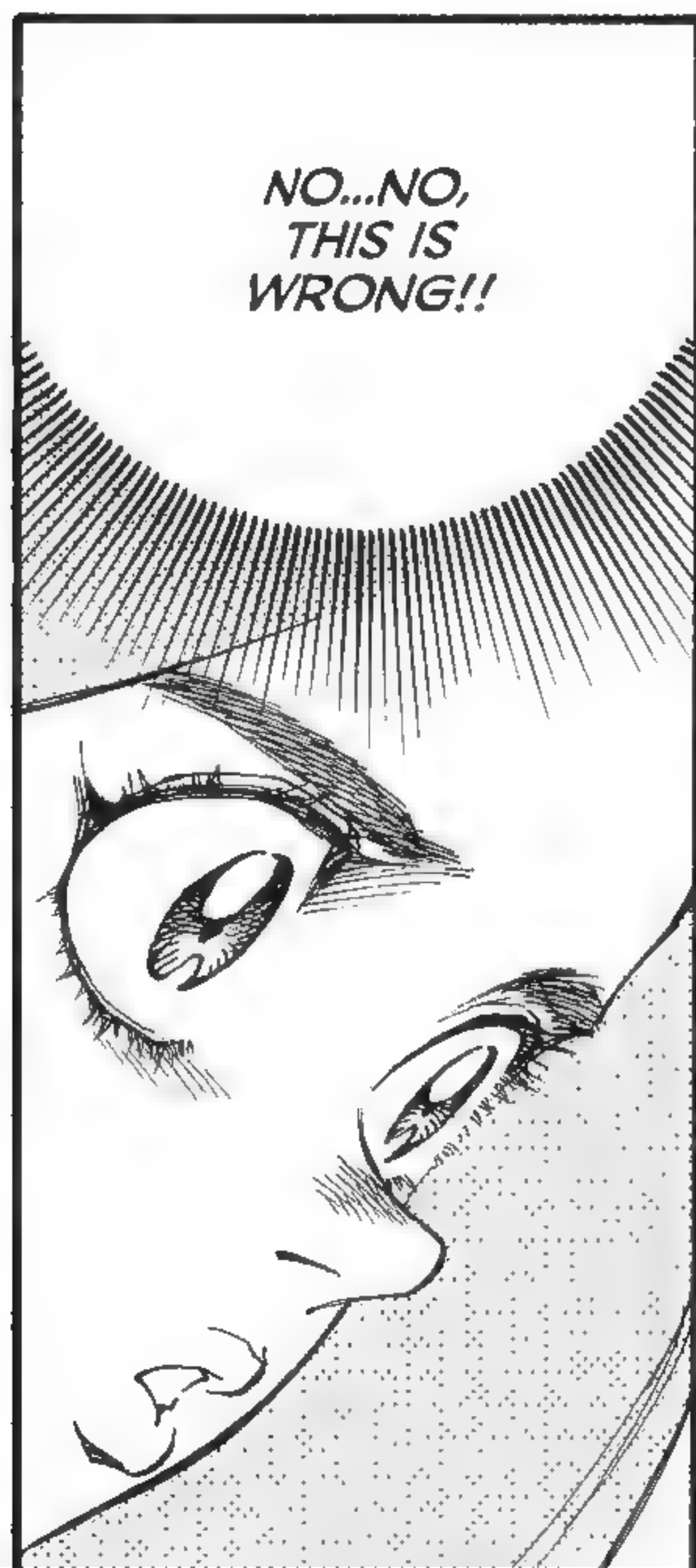
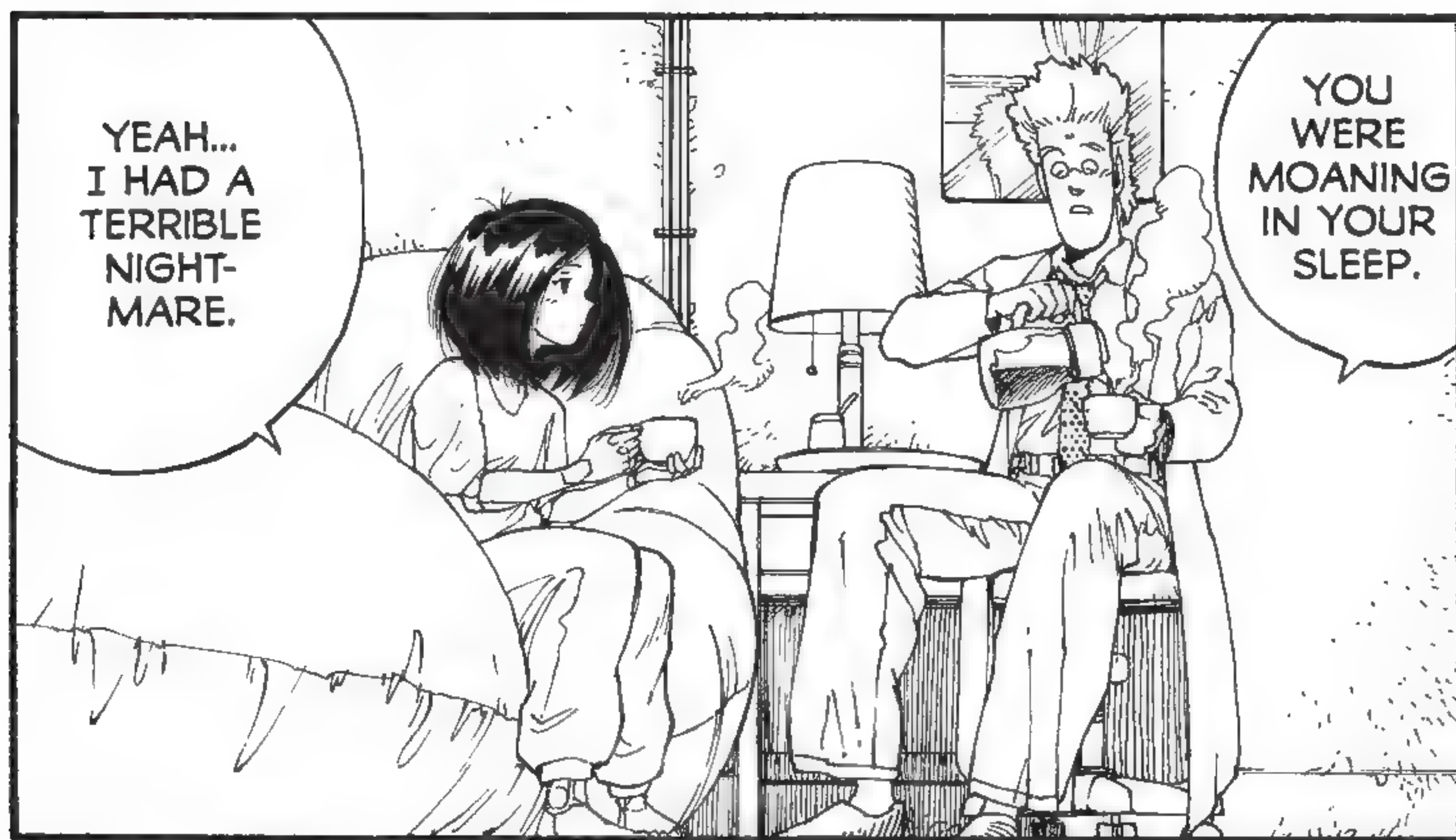


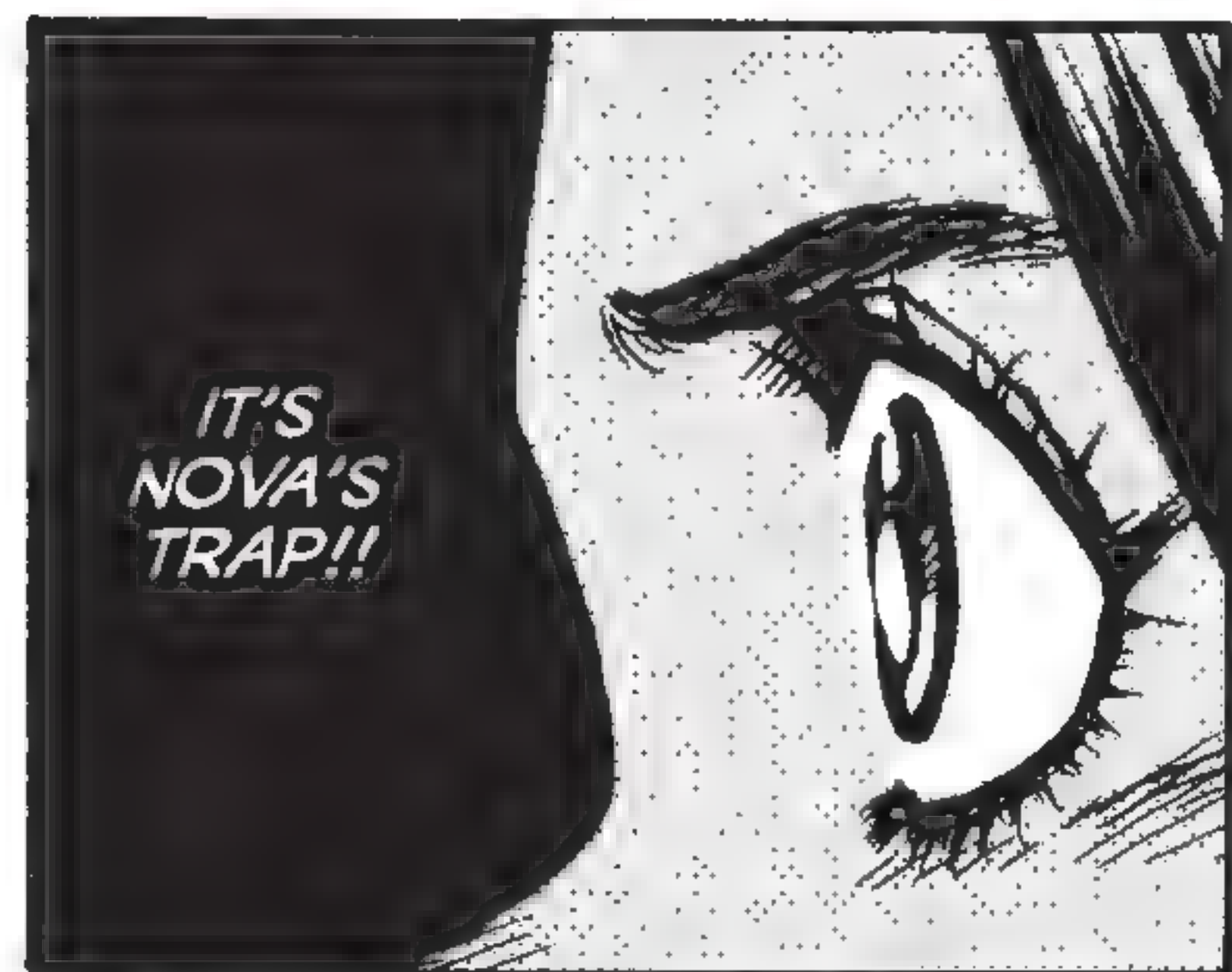
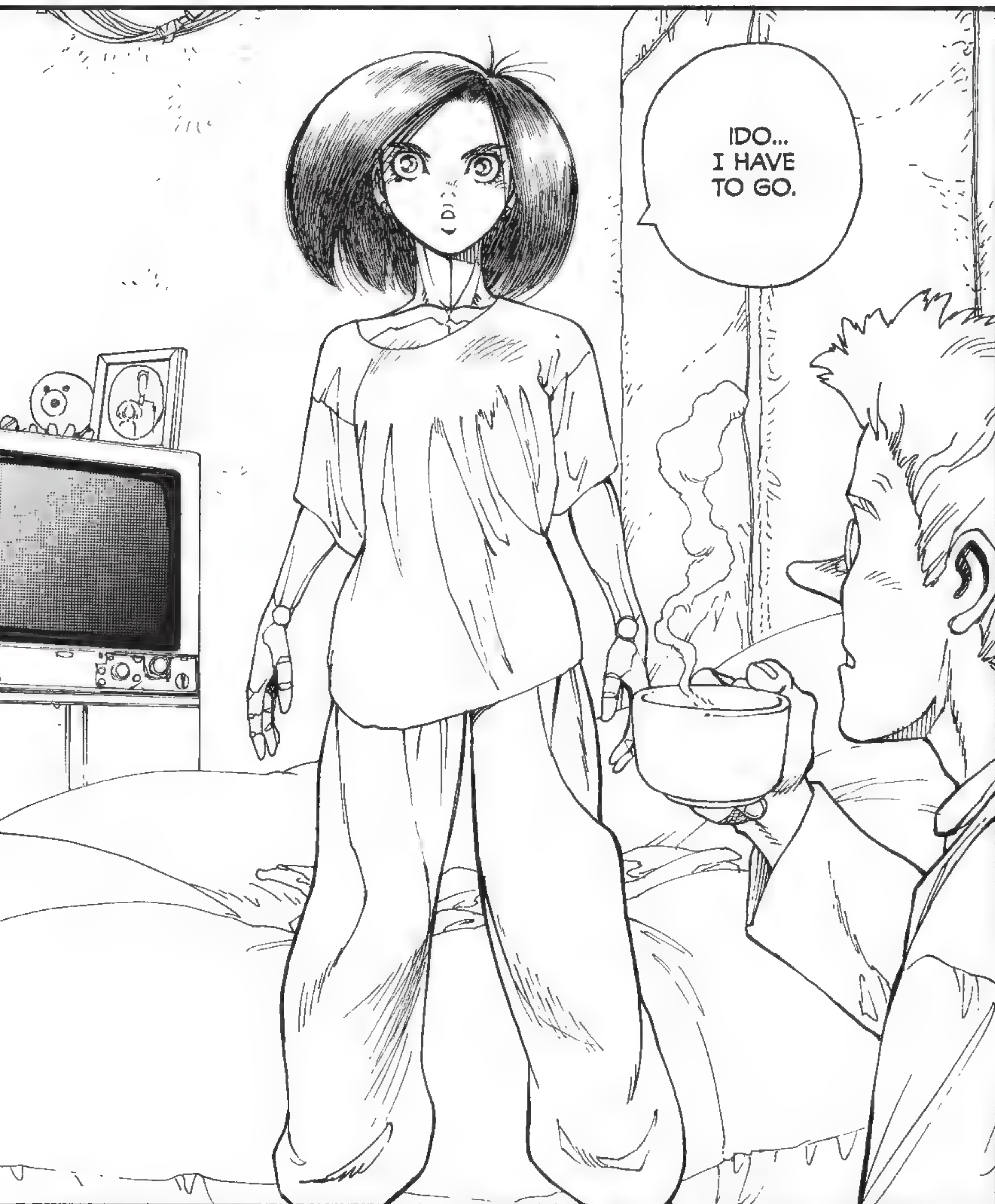
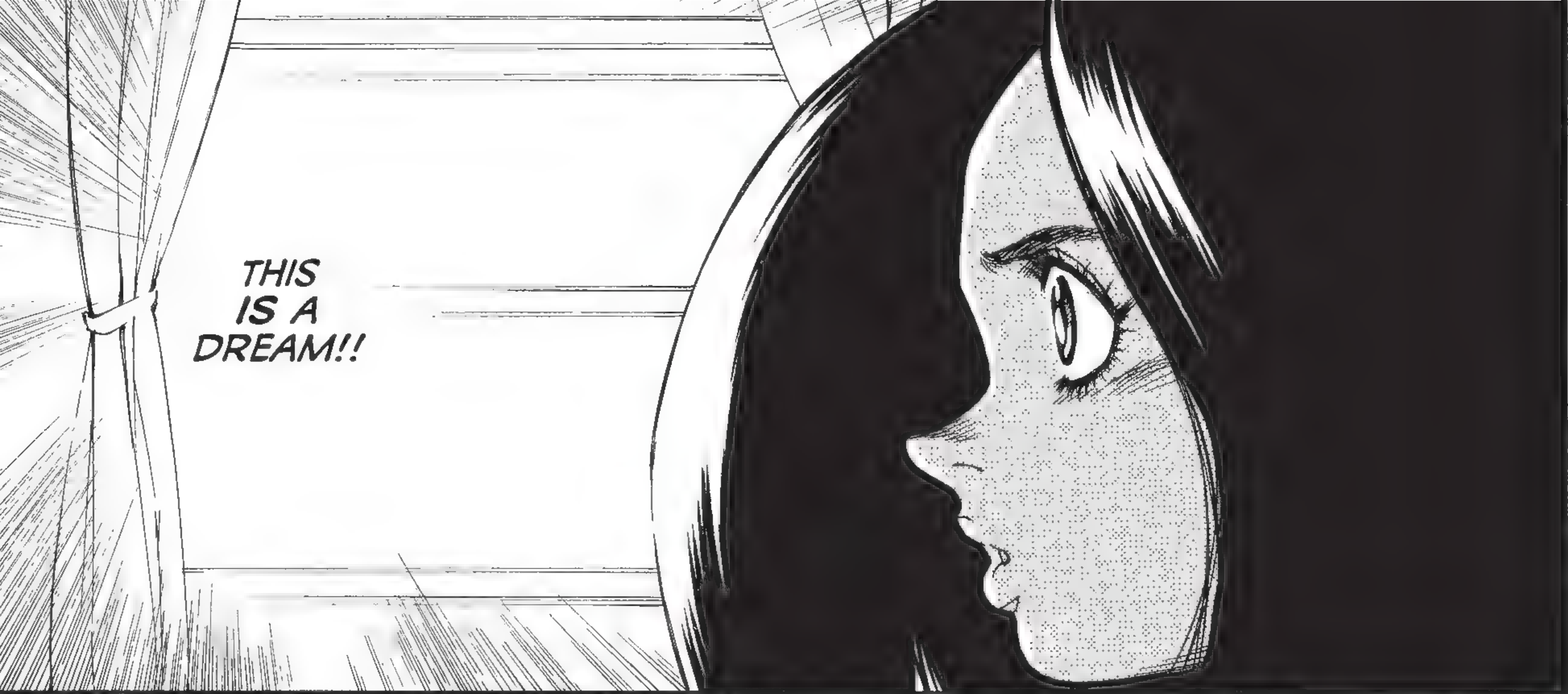










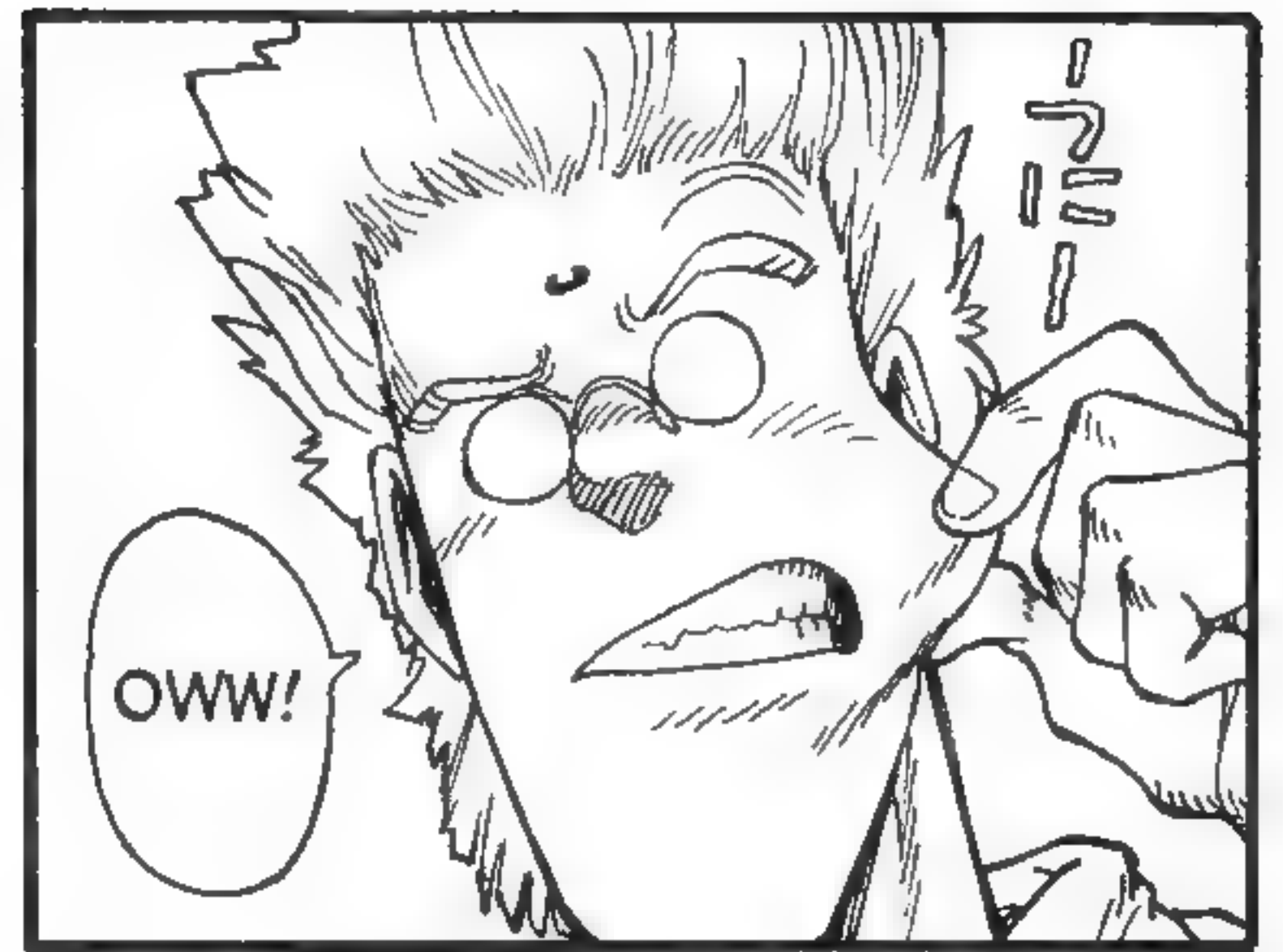




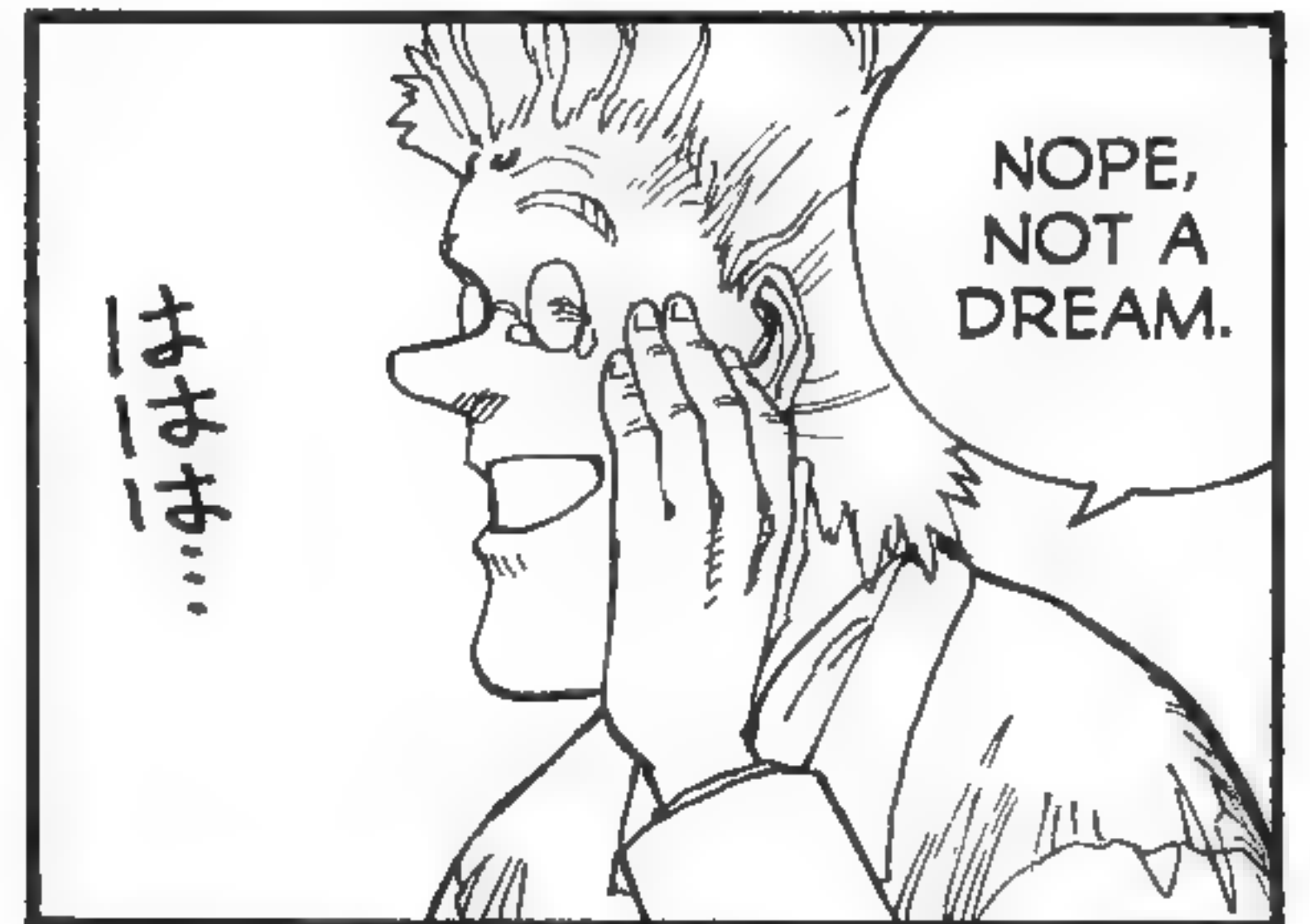
BUT IN REALITY, THIS CLINIC WAS DESTROYED BY ZAPAN, OVER A DECADE AGO.



YOU'RE RIGHT. IT'S SO...SUBSTANTIAL.

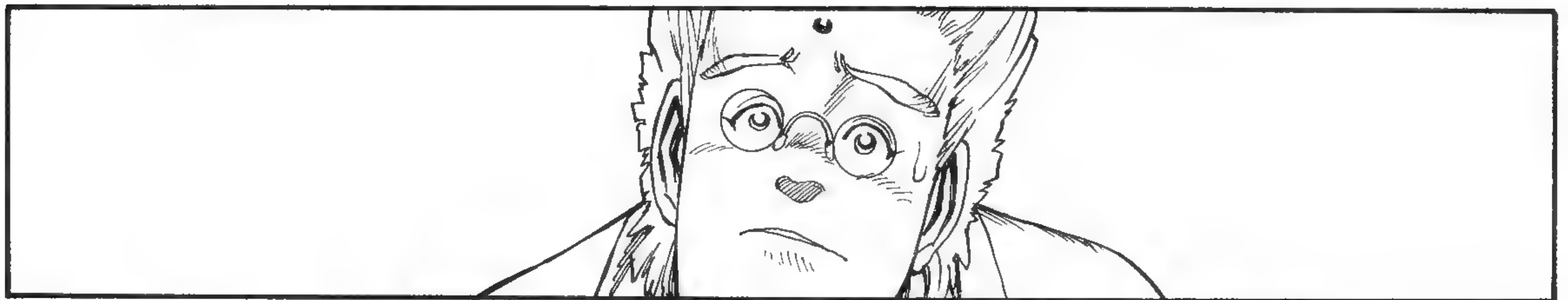


OWW!



NOPE, NOT A DREAM.

はーはー...



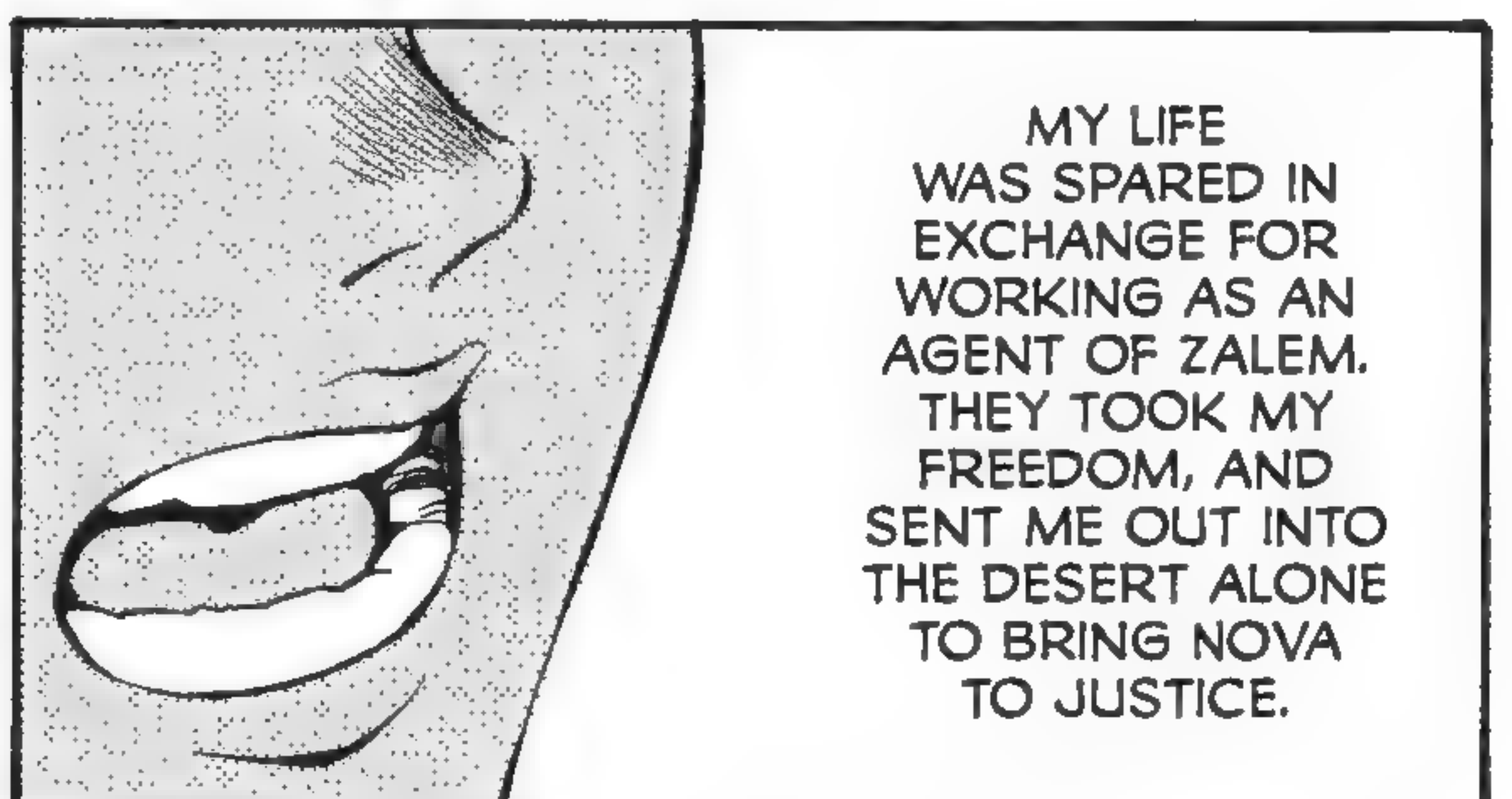
AFTER WE STOPPED ZAPAN, I NEARLY GOT EXECUTED...



AND YOU, IDO! YOU'VE LOST YOUR MEMORY, AND YOU'RE LIVING ANOTHER IDENTITY!



I WITH-STOOD, AND WANDERED, AND FOUGHT, AND FOUGHT, AND FOUGHT FOR SO LONG...



MY LIFE WAS SPARED IN EXCHANGE FOR WORKING AS AN AGENT OF ZALEM. THEY TOOK MY FREEDOM, AND SENT ME OUT INTO THE DESERT ALONE TO BRING NOVA TO JUSTICE.



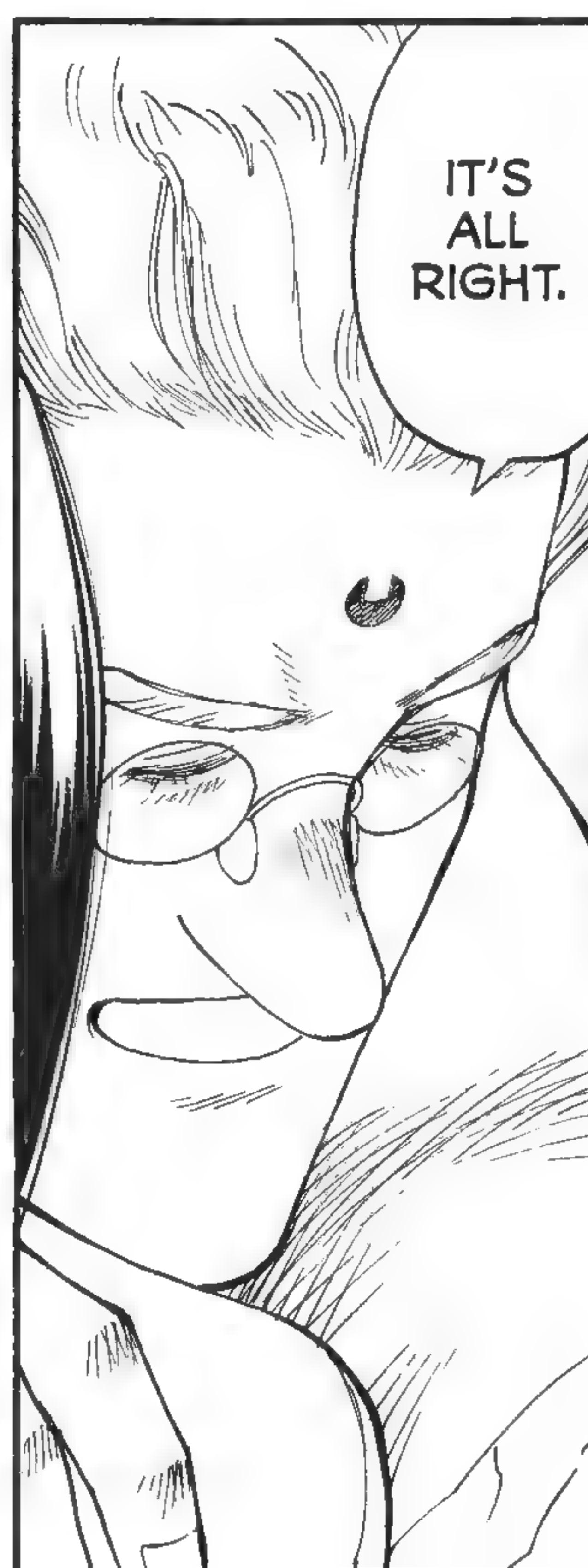
IT'S A
DREAM.
THIS IS ALL
A DREAM!



IT'S ALL
RIGHT.



NO...
NO,
IT'S
NOT!



IT'S
ALL
RIGHT.



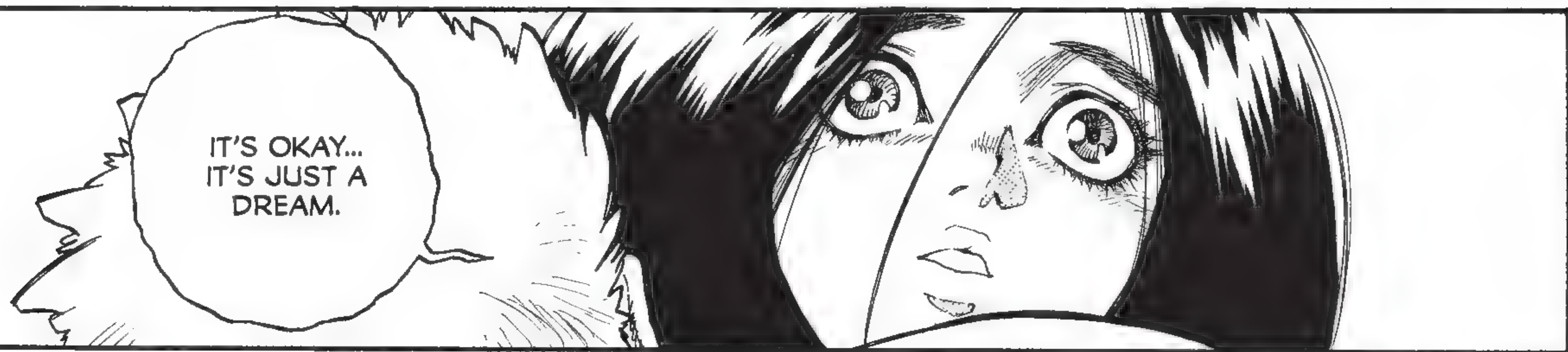
...THAN
PUT YOU
THROUGH
SO MUCH
SADNESS.

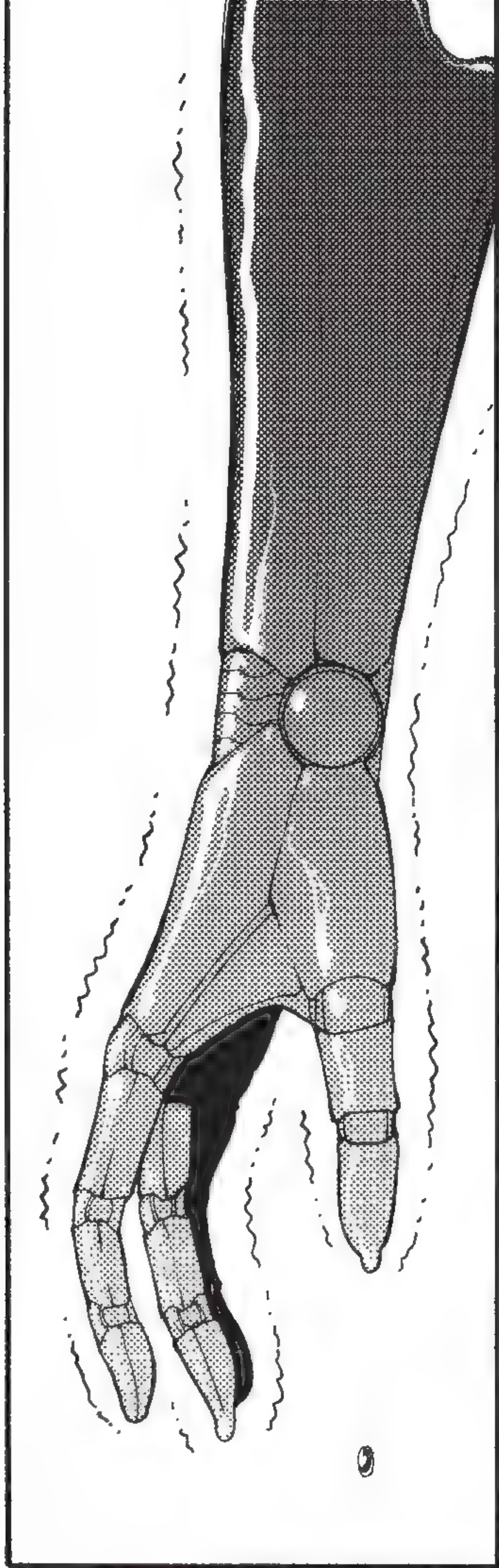
I
WOULD
RATHER
GIVE
UP MY
LIFE...

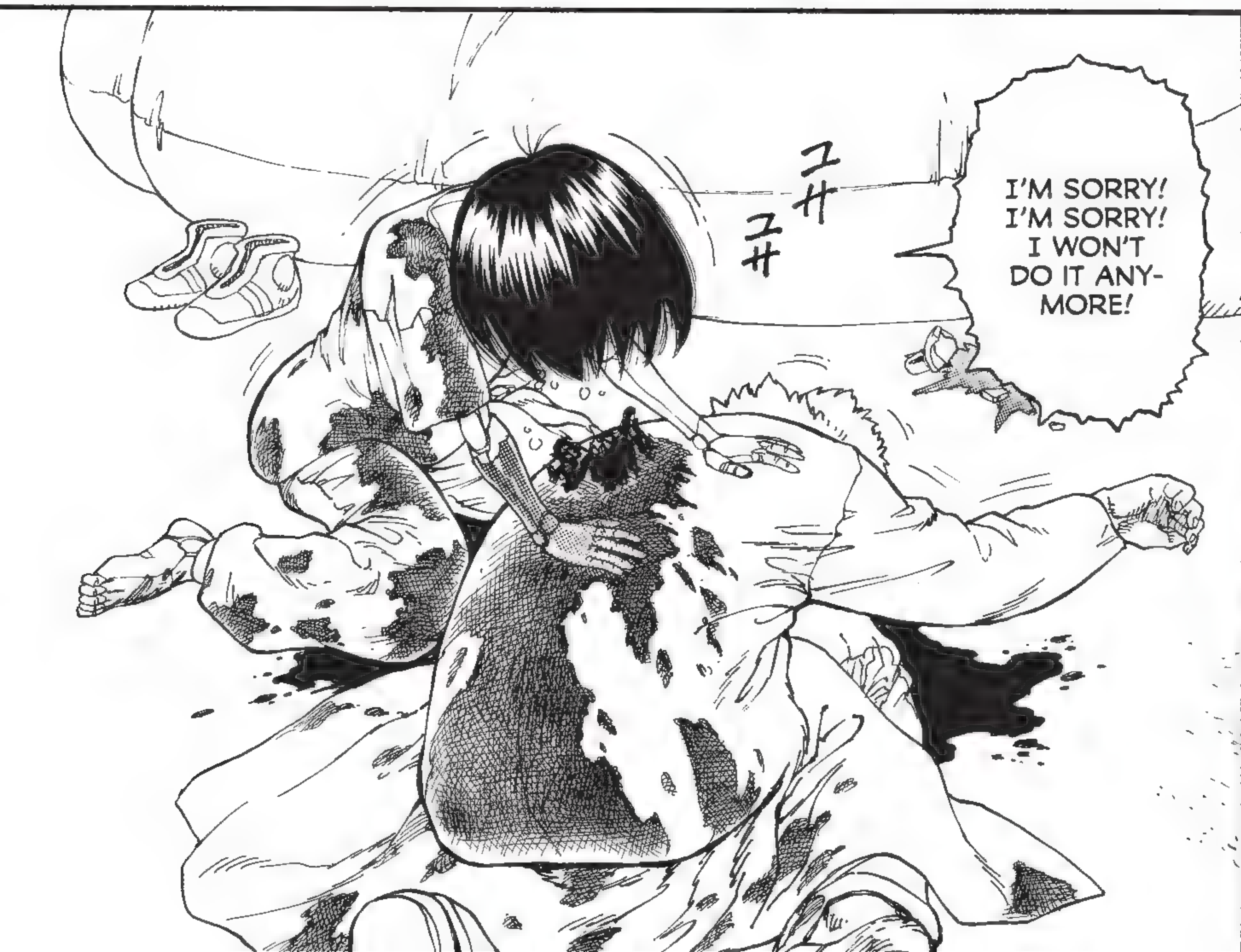
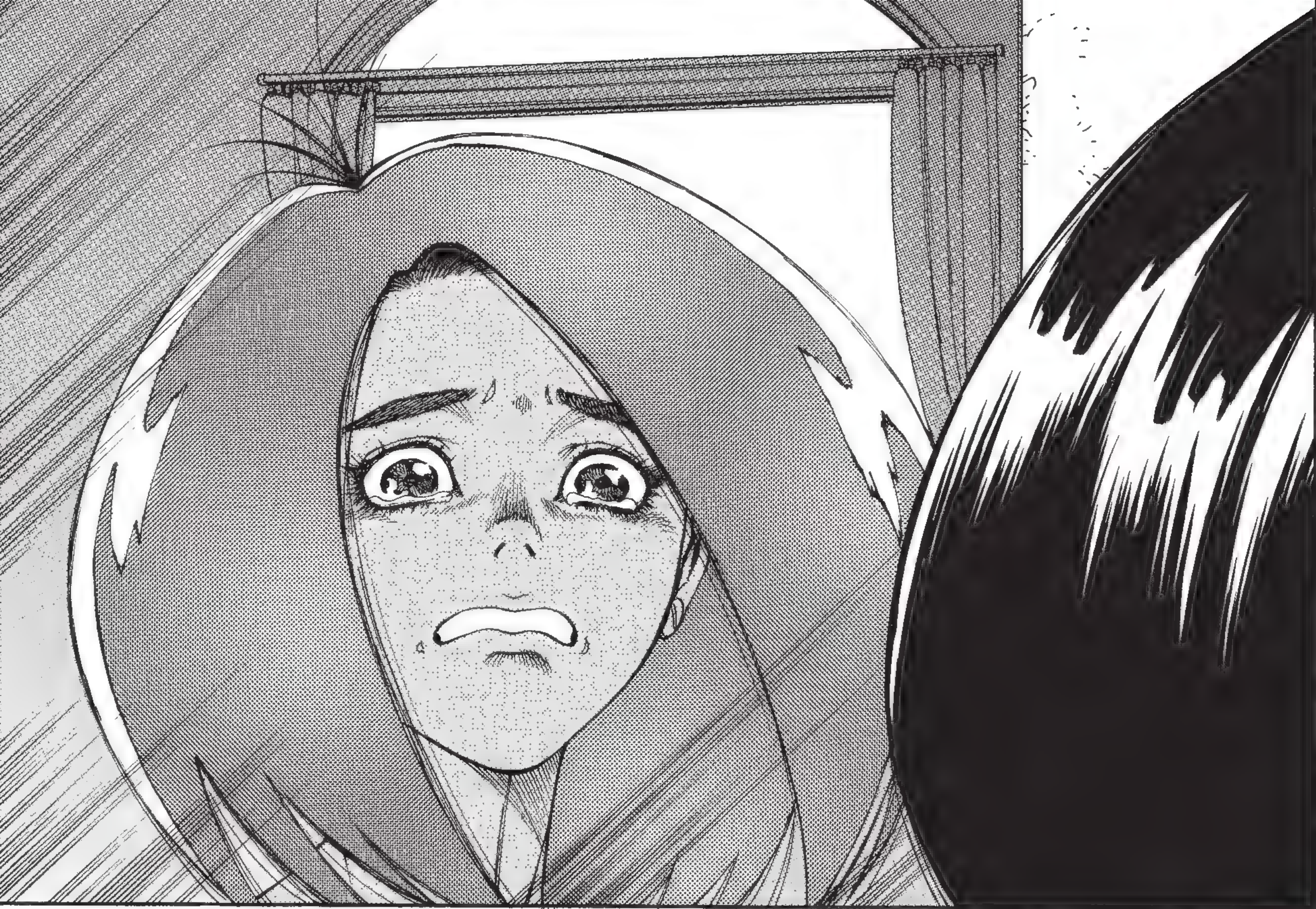


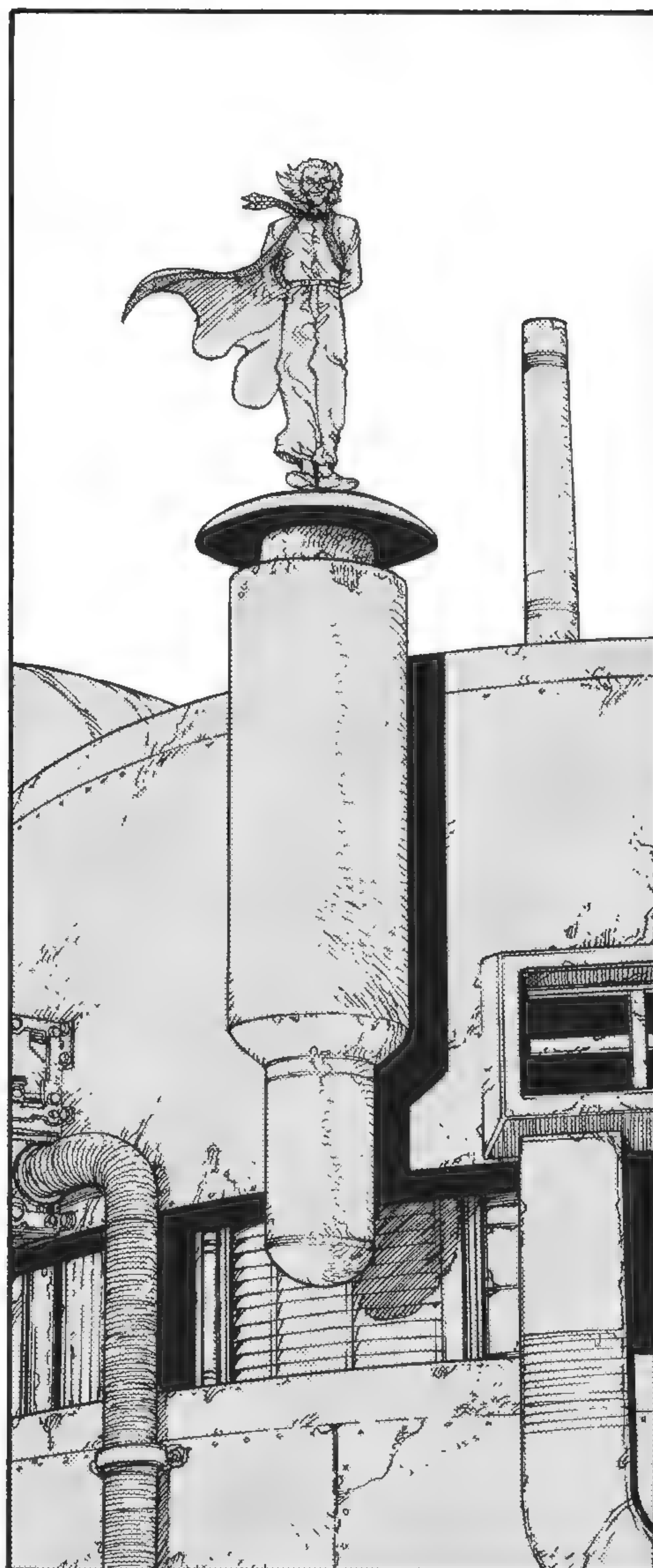
THE HOME
I WANTED
TO COME
BACK TO...
THE WORDS
I ALWAYS
WANTED IDO
TO SAY...
IF ONLY
I COULD
STAY HERE
FOREVER...

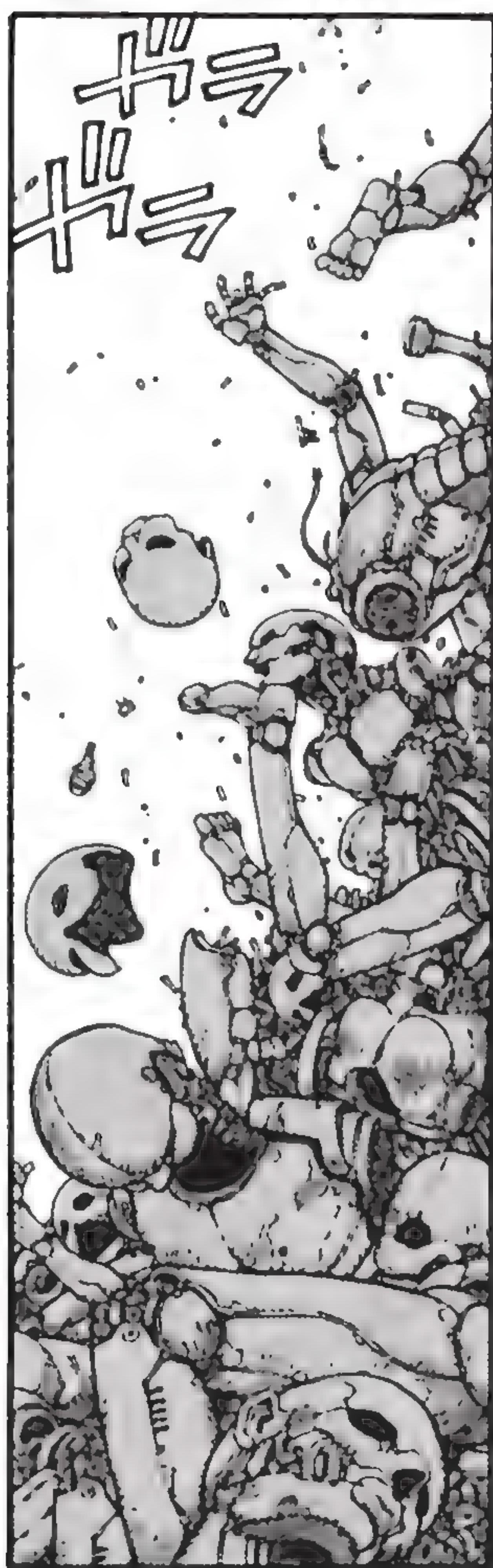
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IDO...

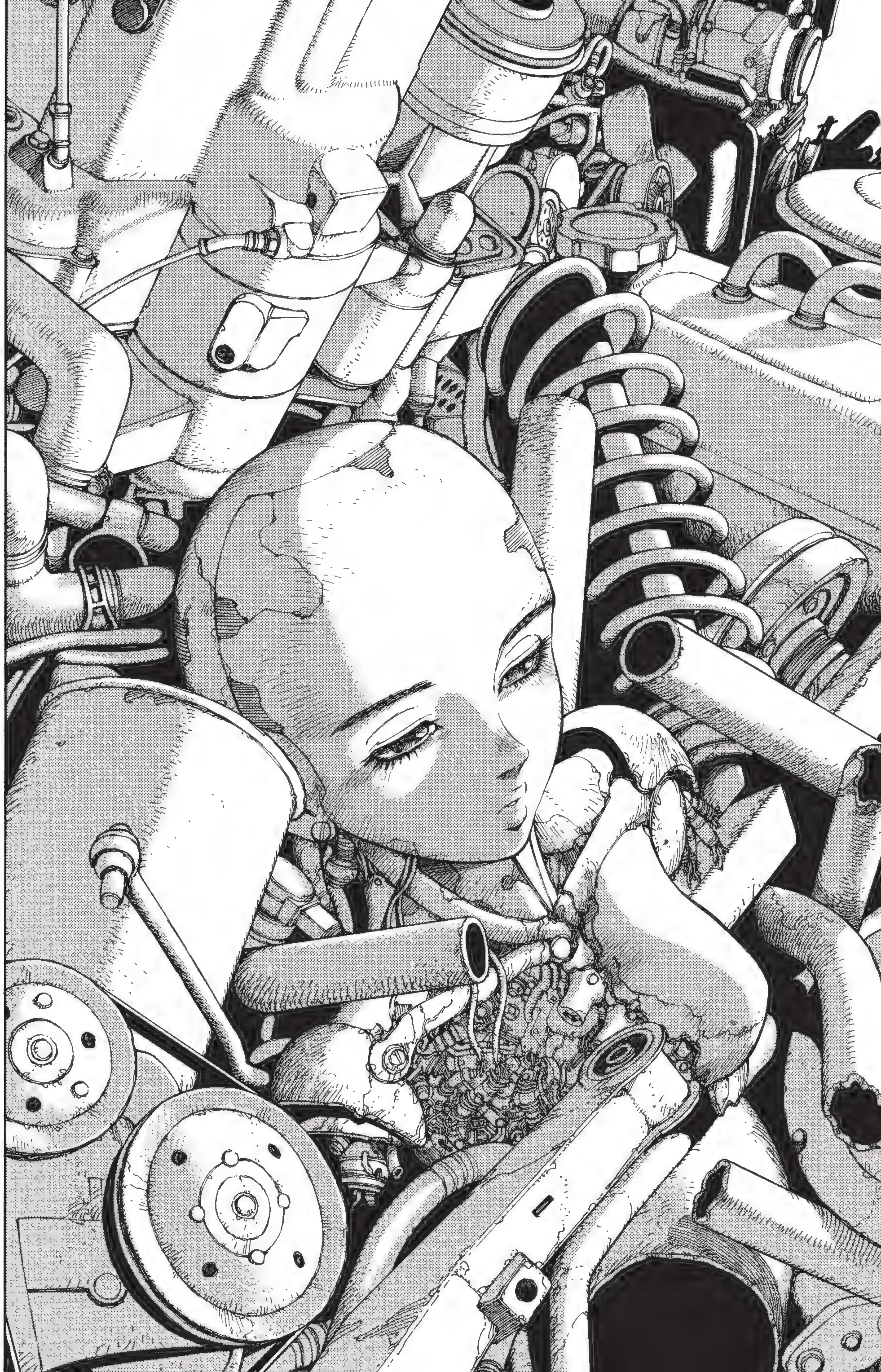


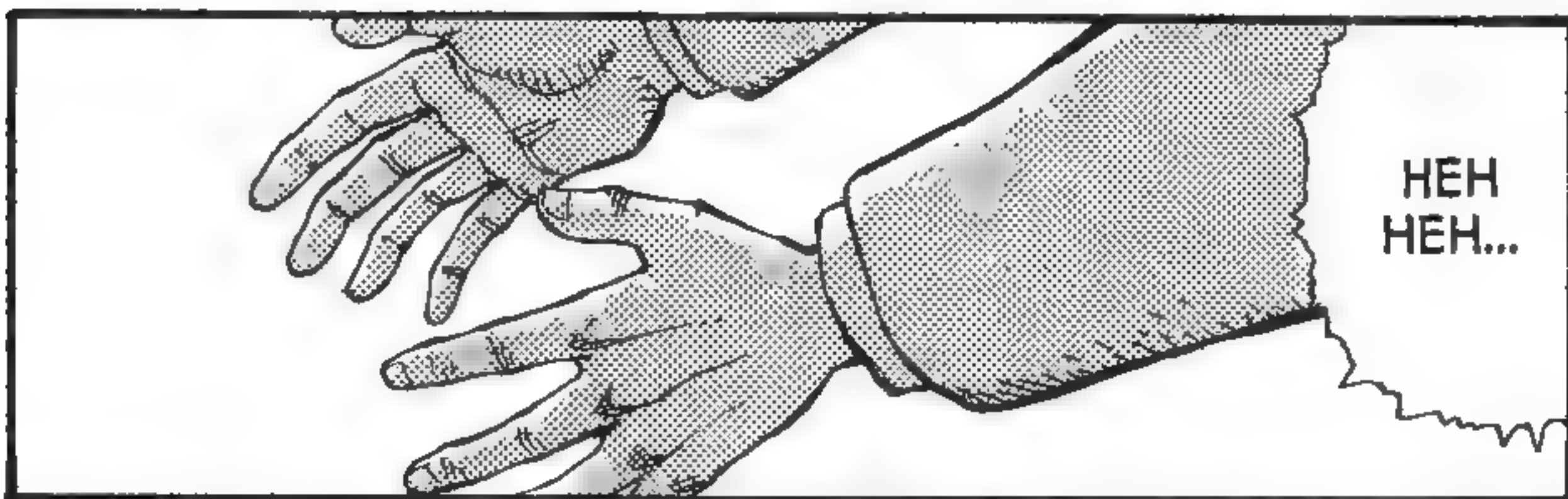
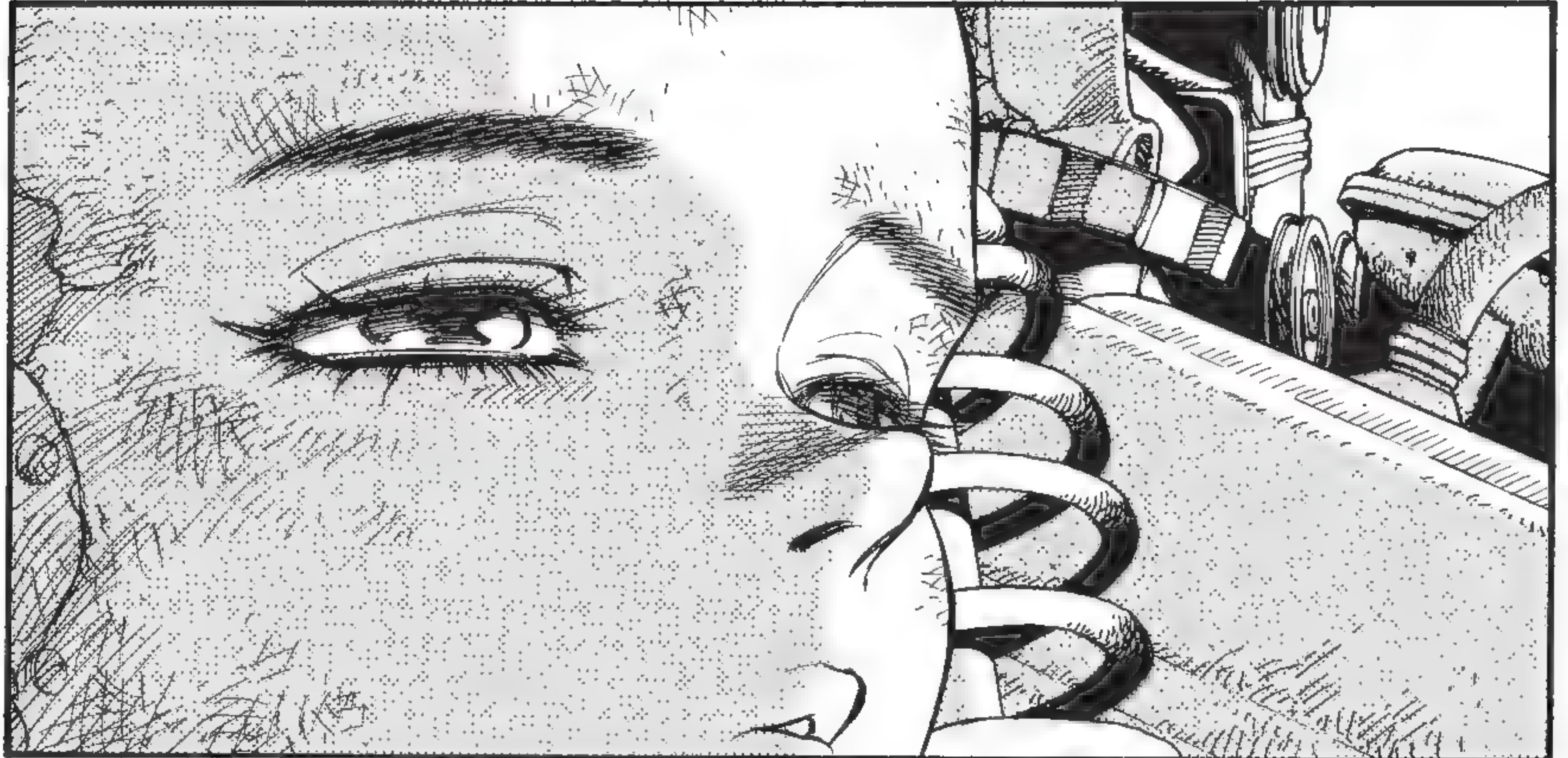








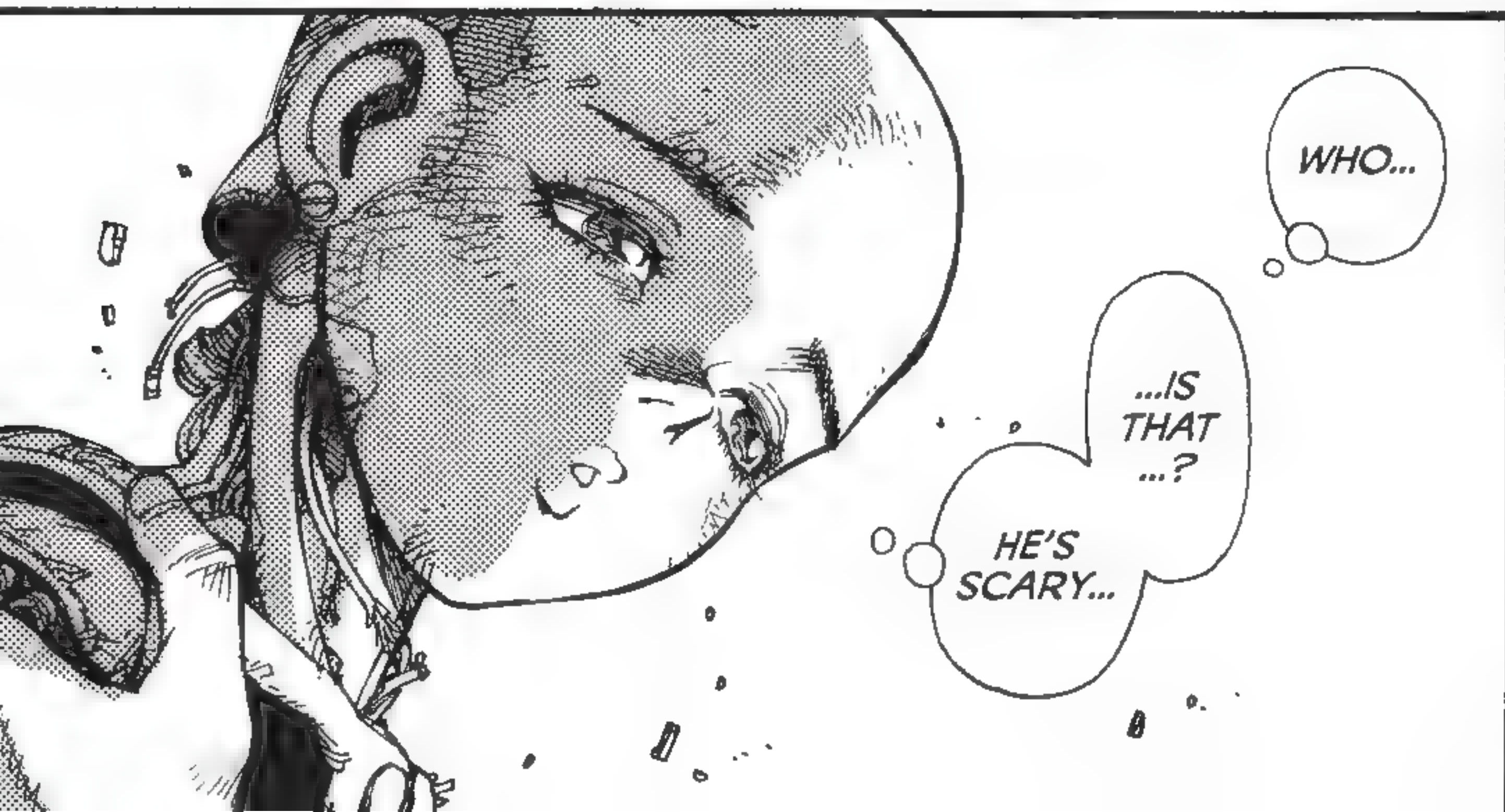




HEH
HEH...



KYA
HA
HA
HA!



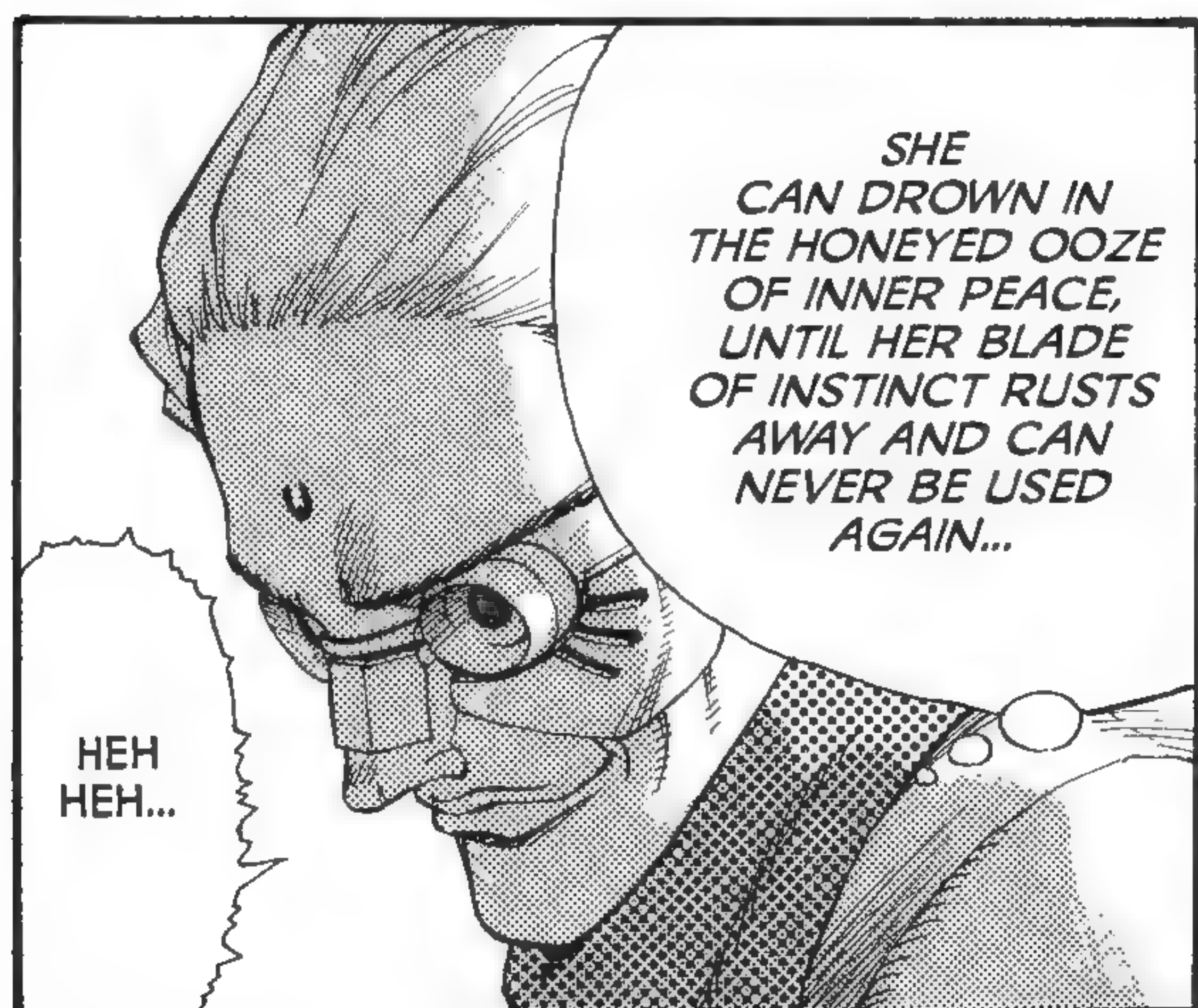
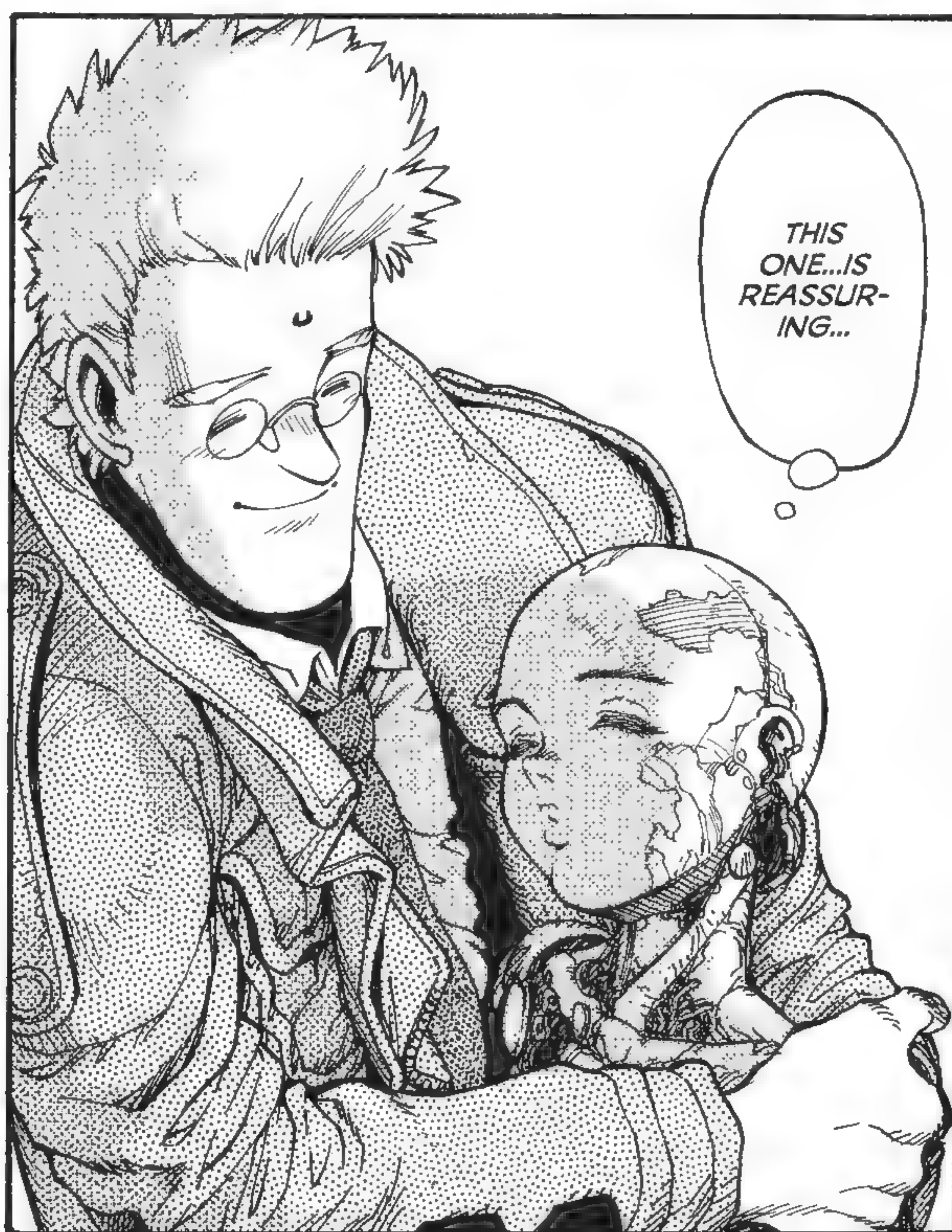
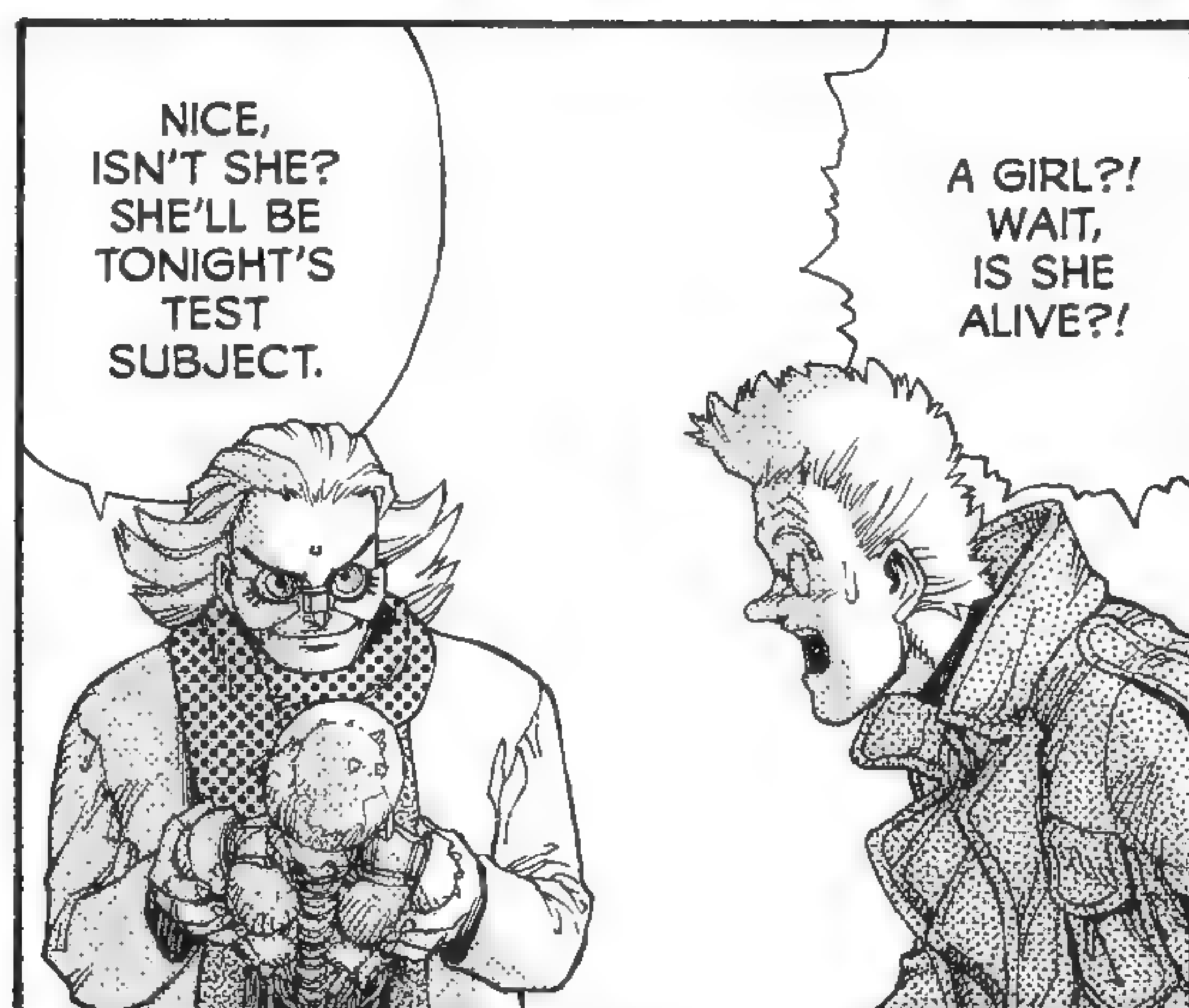
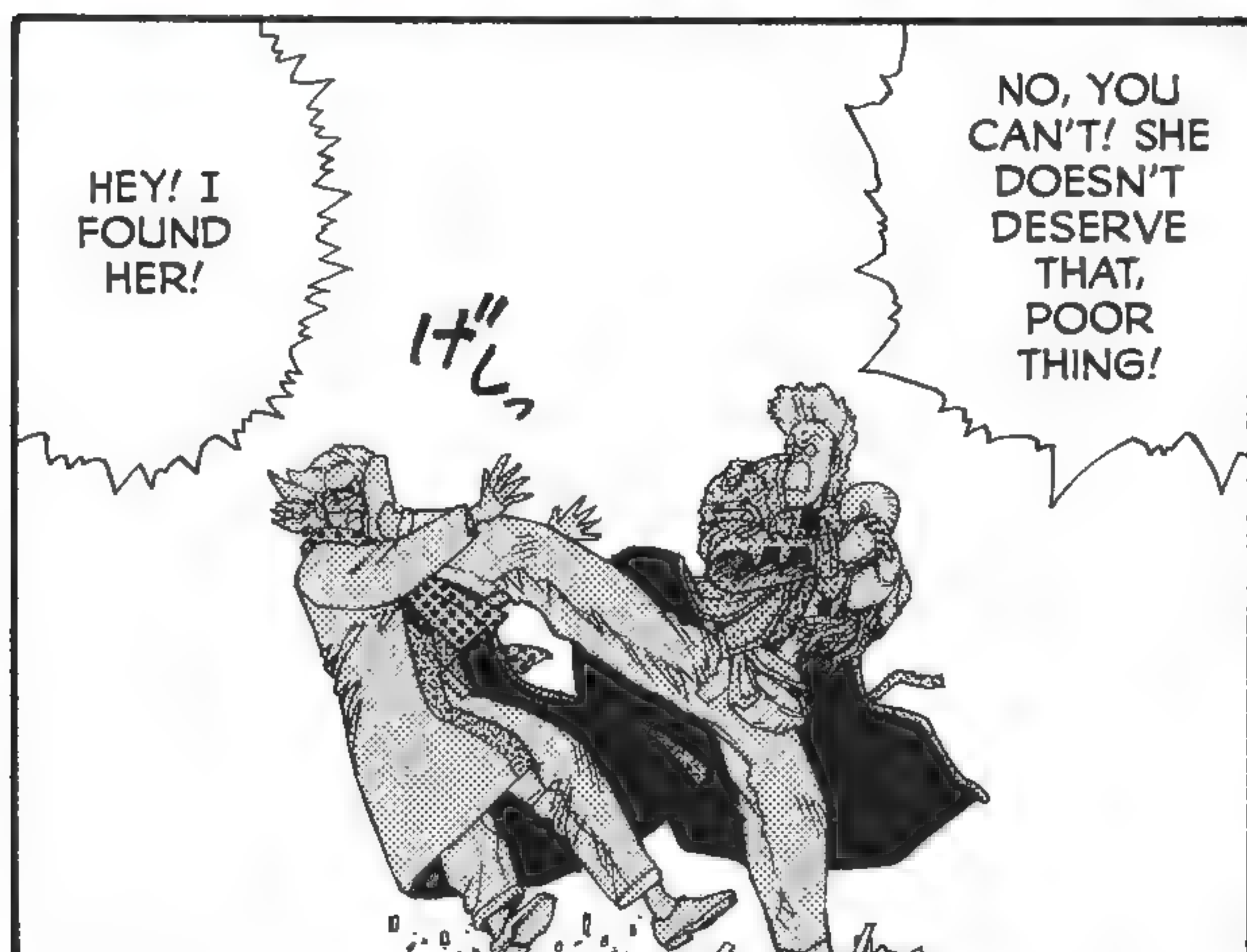
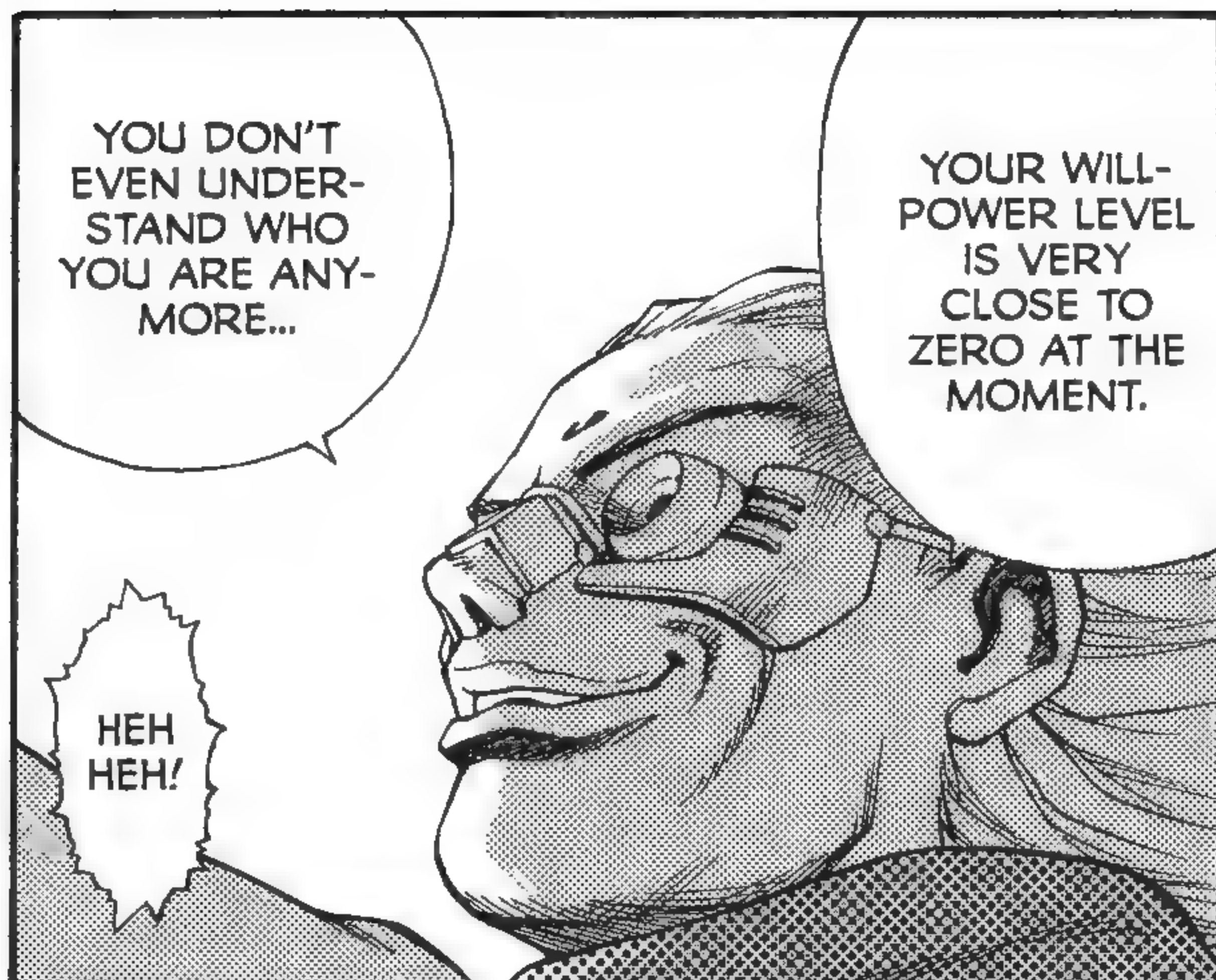
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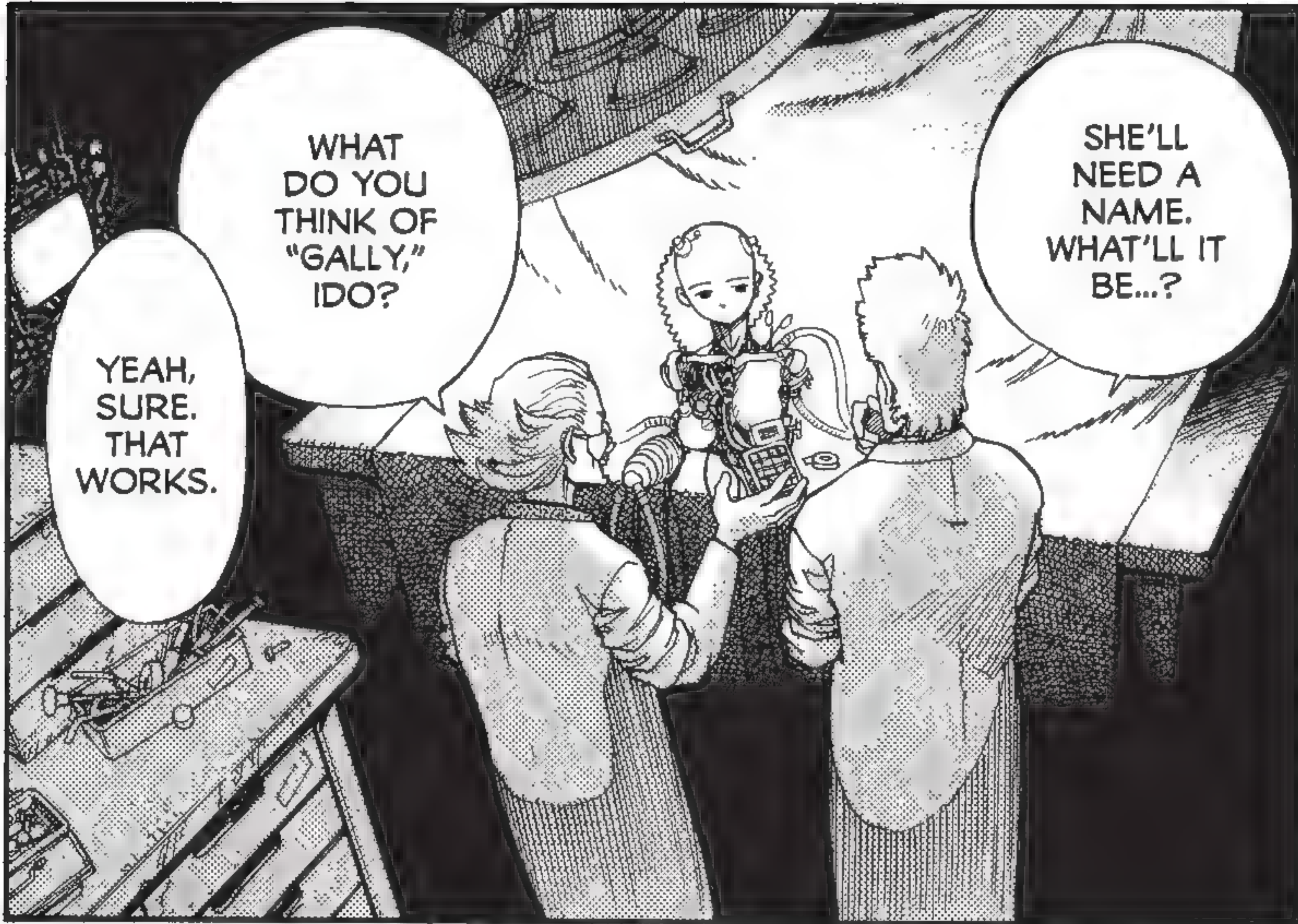
...IS
THAT
...?

HE'S
SCARY...

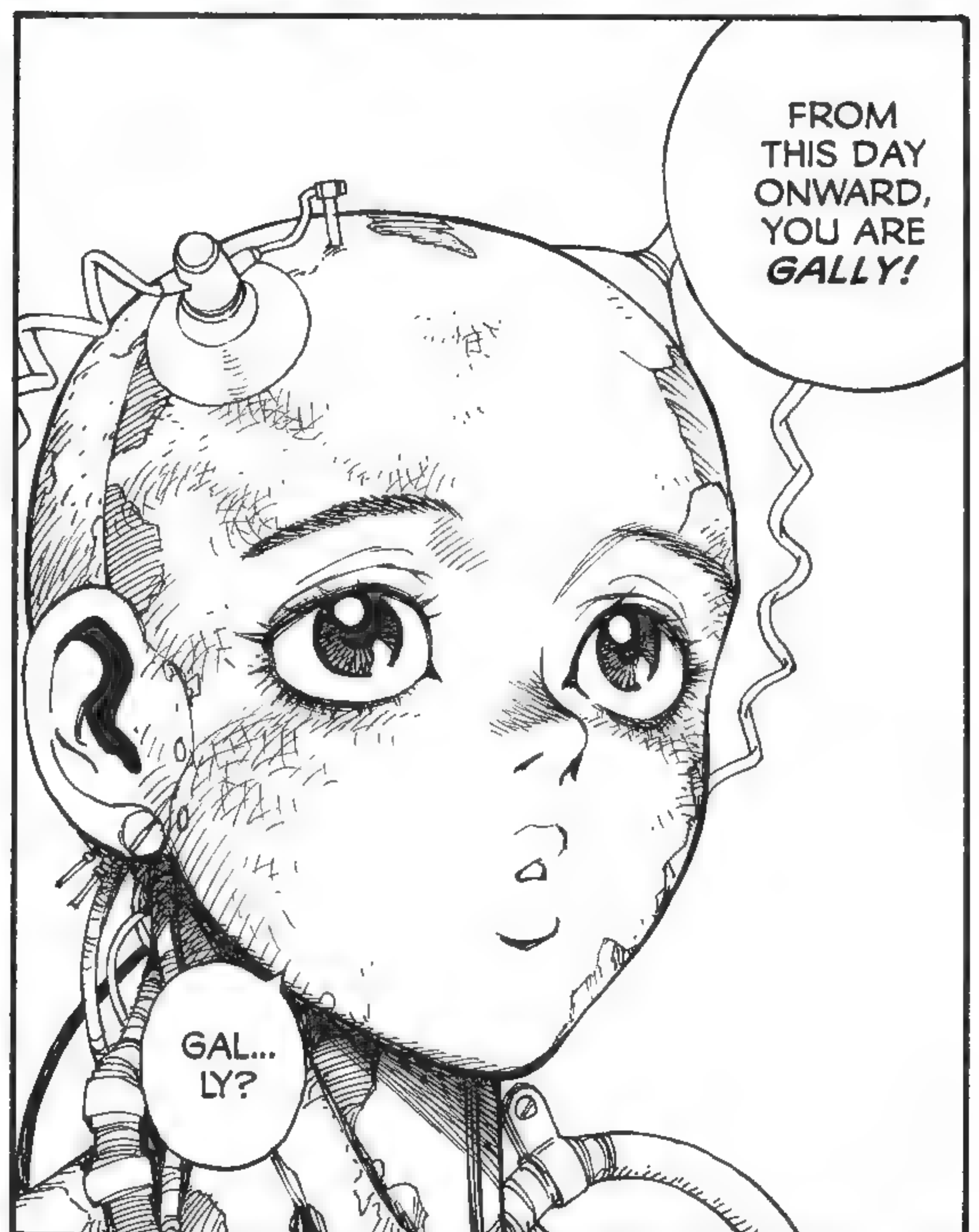
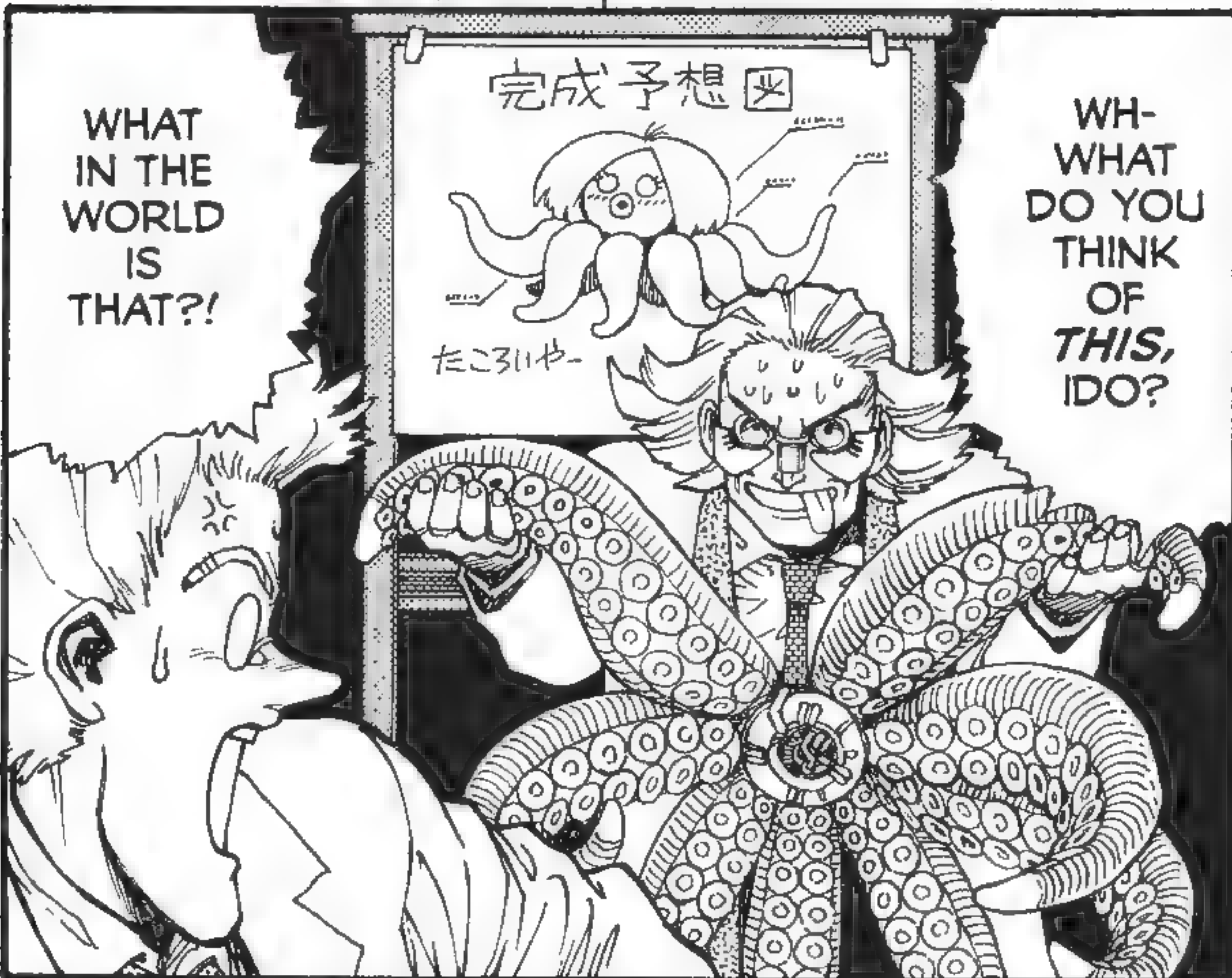


HEH HEH
HEH! NOW
THIS IS A
BIT MORE
LIKE IT.





Board: Model Blueprint Board/bot: Octoroid





ALITA!!



I WAS
TOO AFRAID
TO EVER
ATTEMPT THIS
SERIOUSLY
BEFORE...

I CAN
EXPAND THE
USE OF MY
PSYCHOMETRY,
ACCESS THE
COMPUTER
CHIPS
THEMSELVES,
AND
DESTROY THE
PROGRAM!!

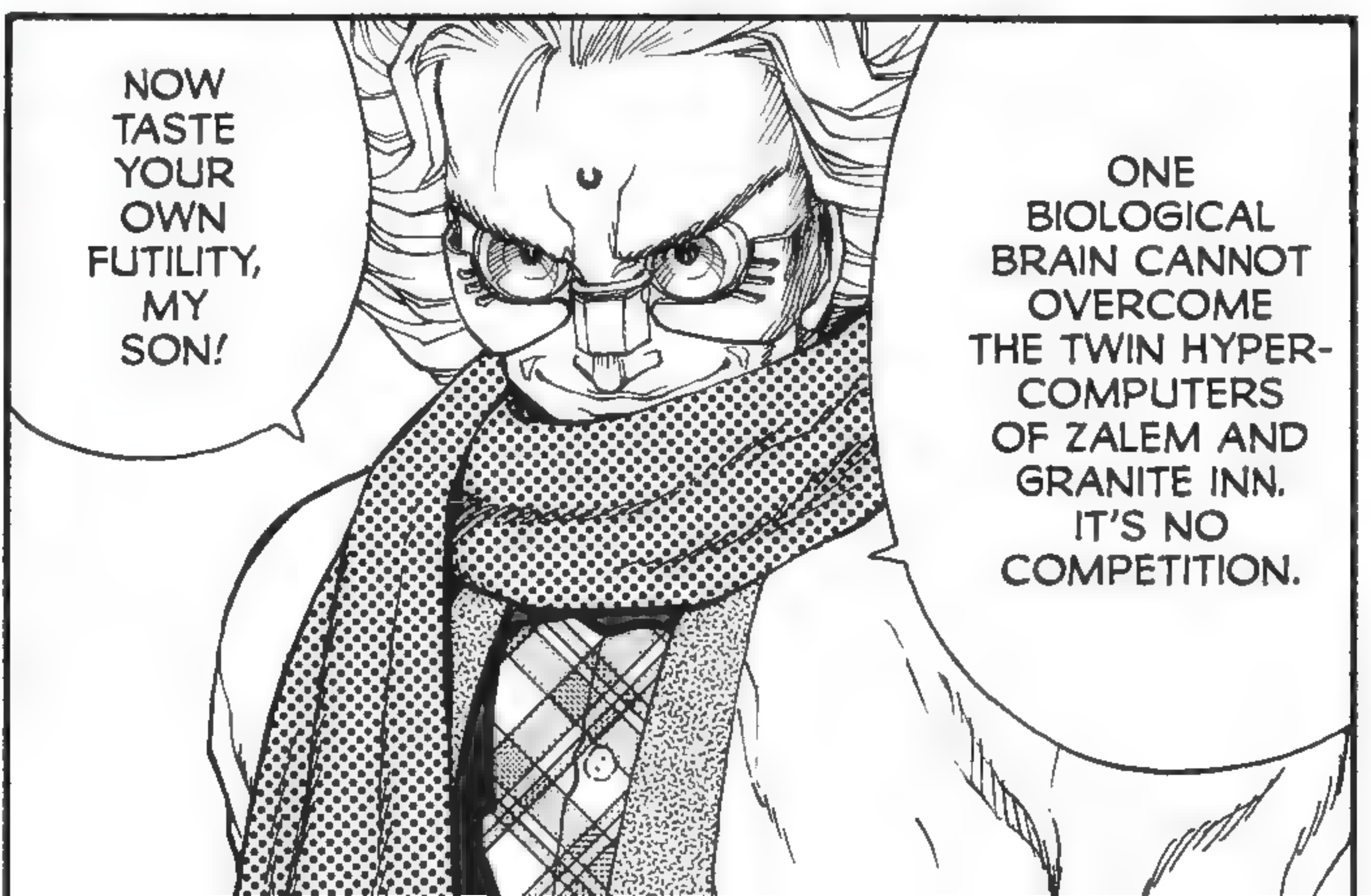
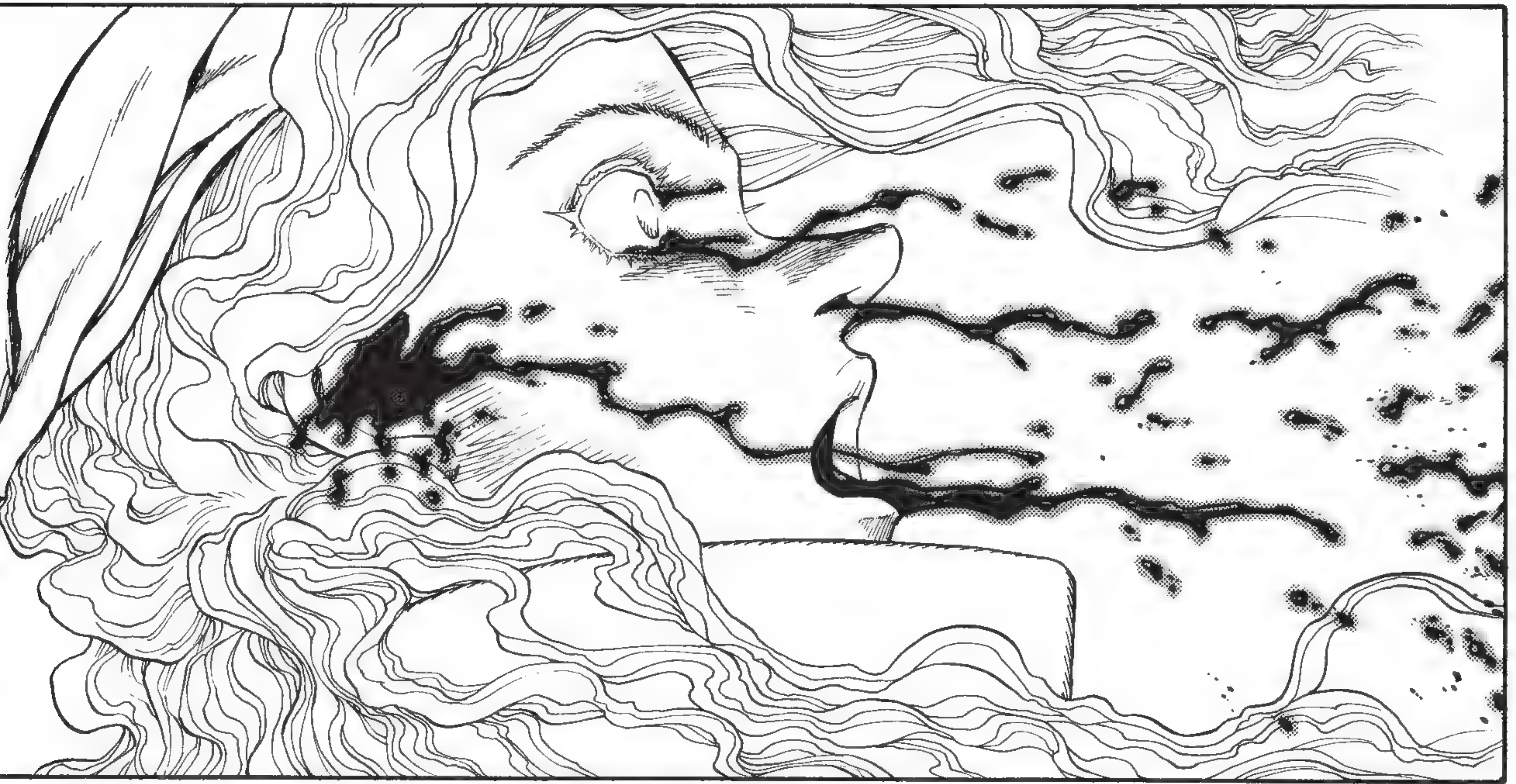
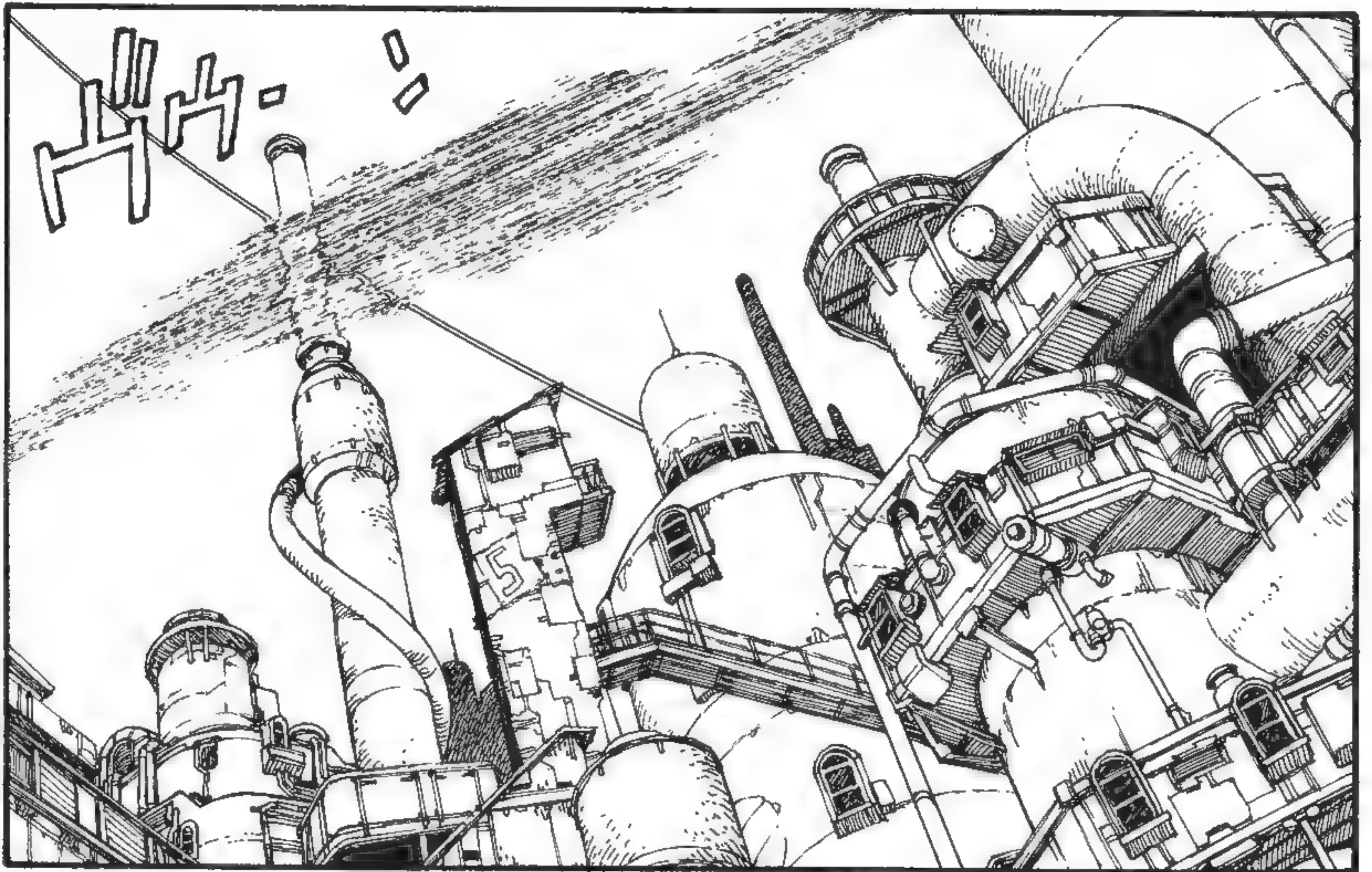
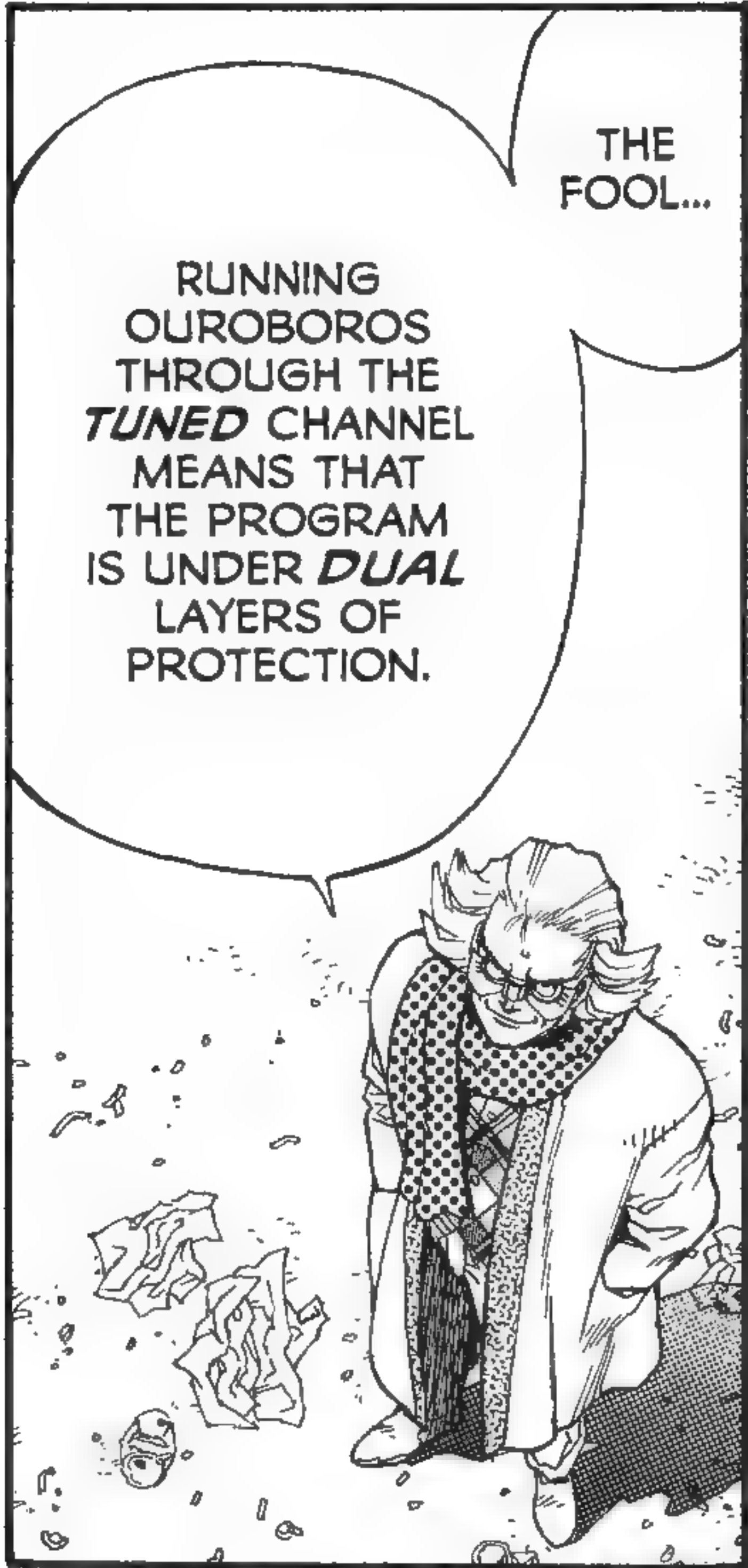
...BUT
I KNOW...
THAT I CAN
DO IT!!

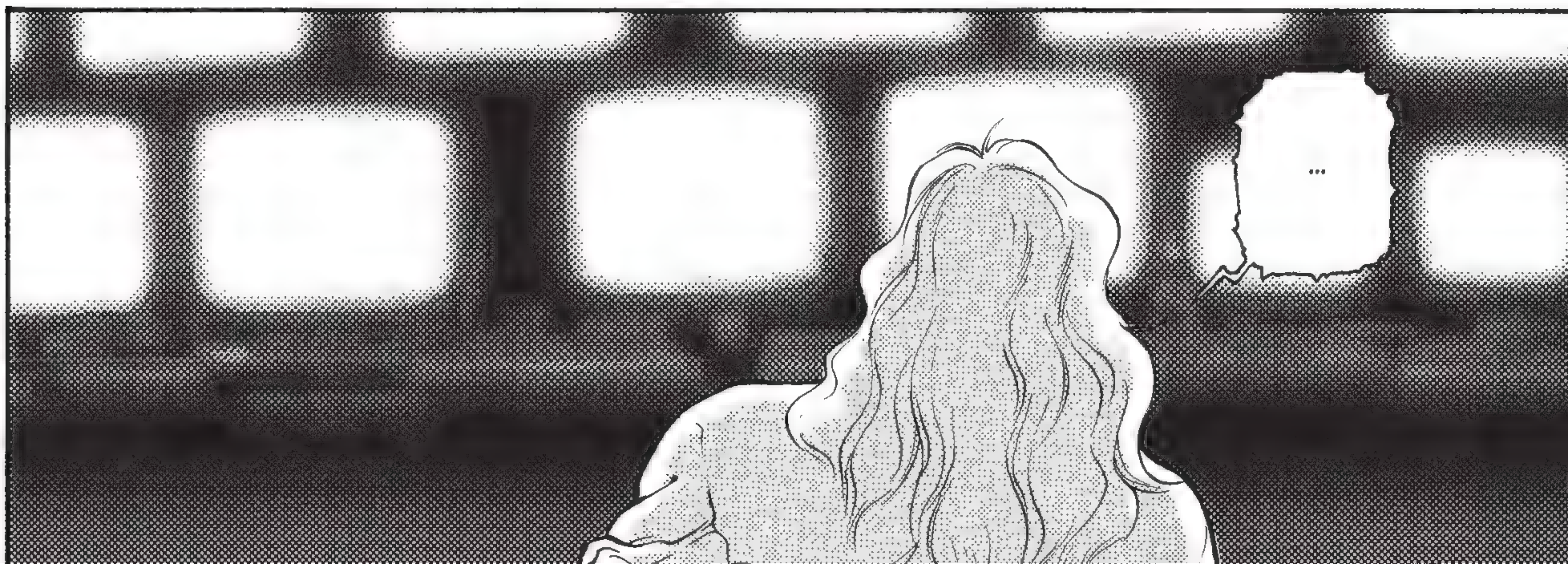
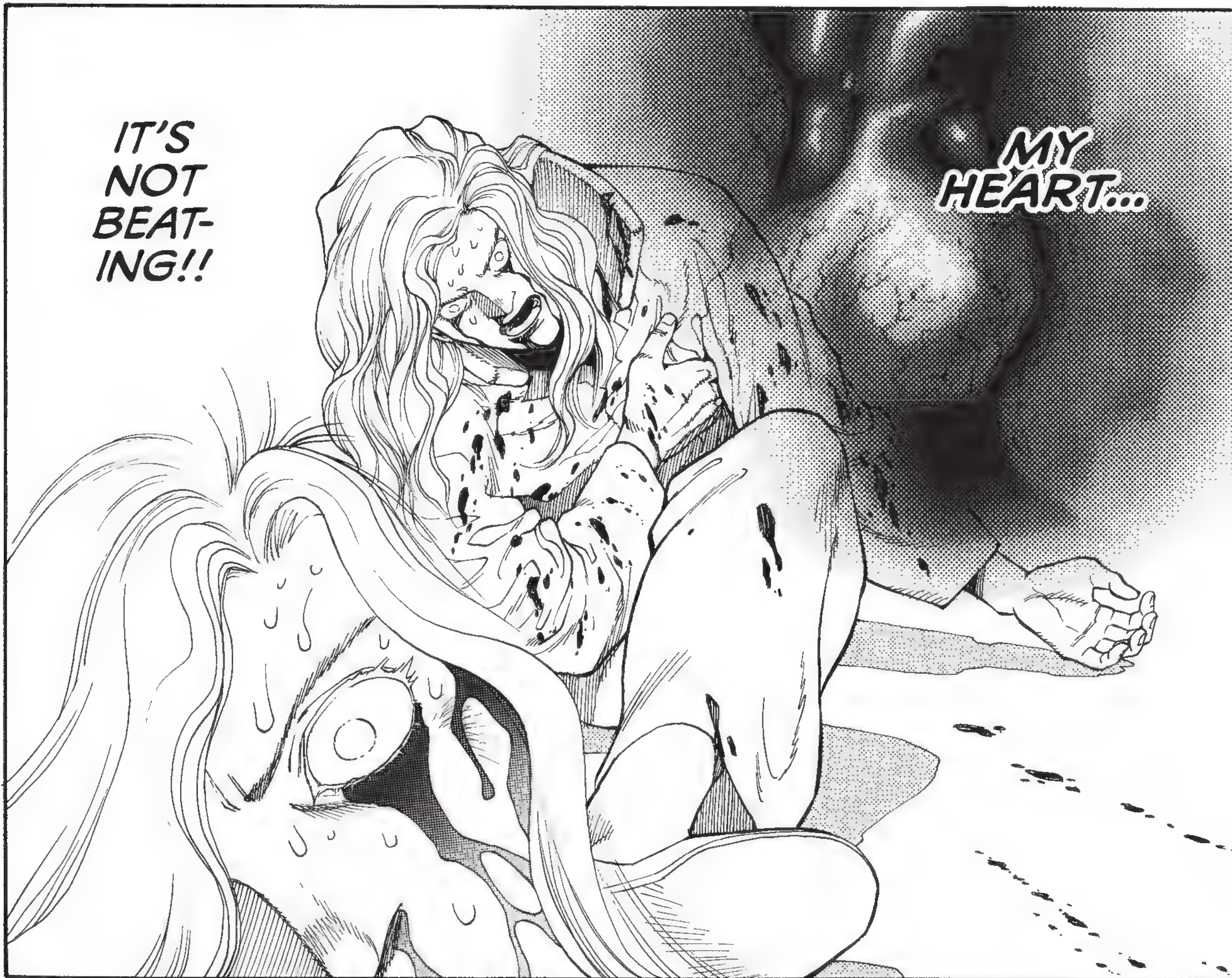
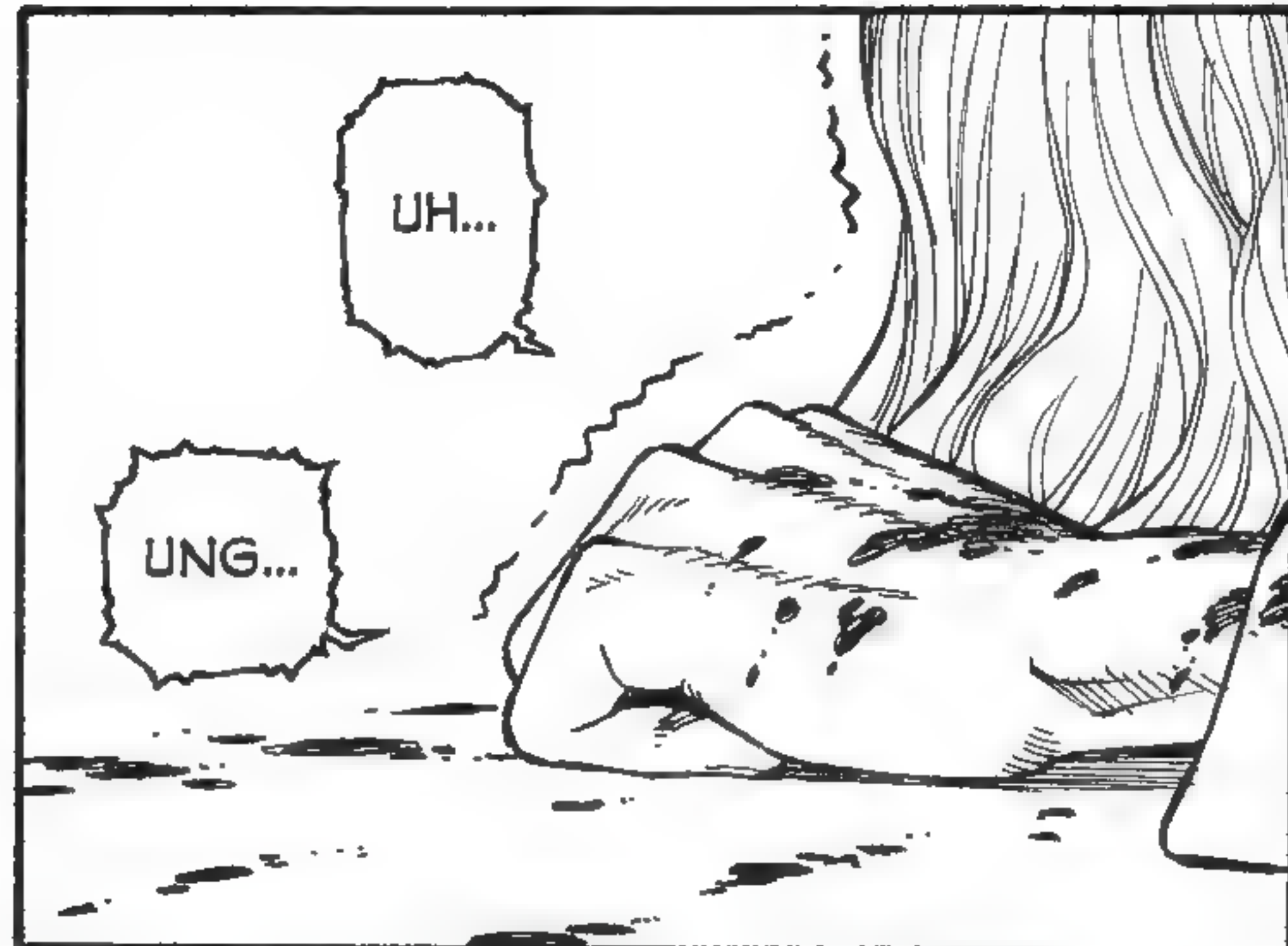


I'M
GOING TO
RELEASE
YOU FROM
THE
SHACKLES
OF YOUR
DREAM
NOW!!



"PSYCHO
ACTIVE"!!





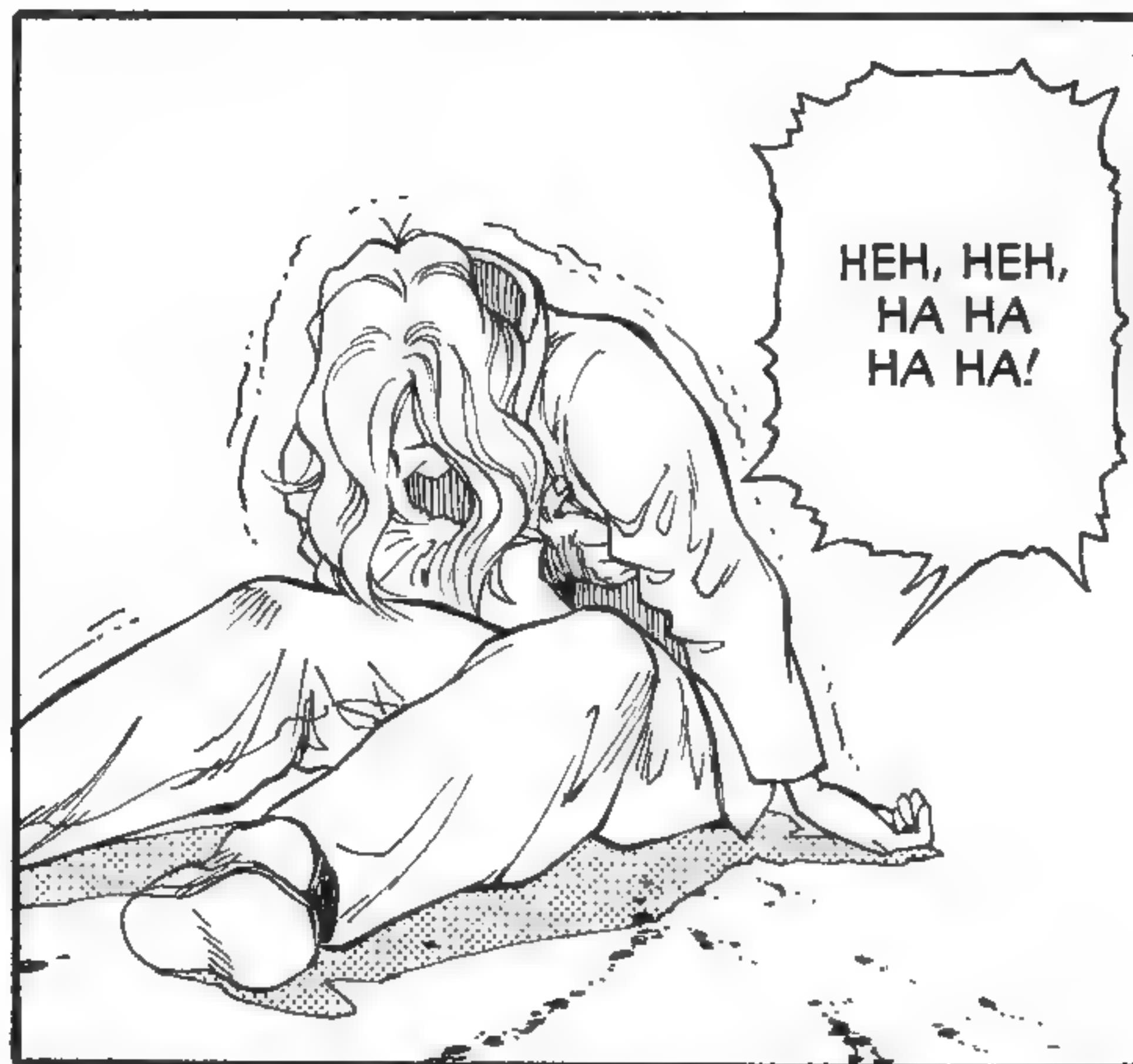


**HA
HA
HAH!!**

**HA
HA
HA
HA!**



HEH...

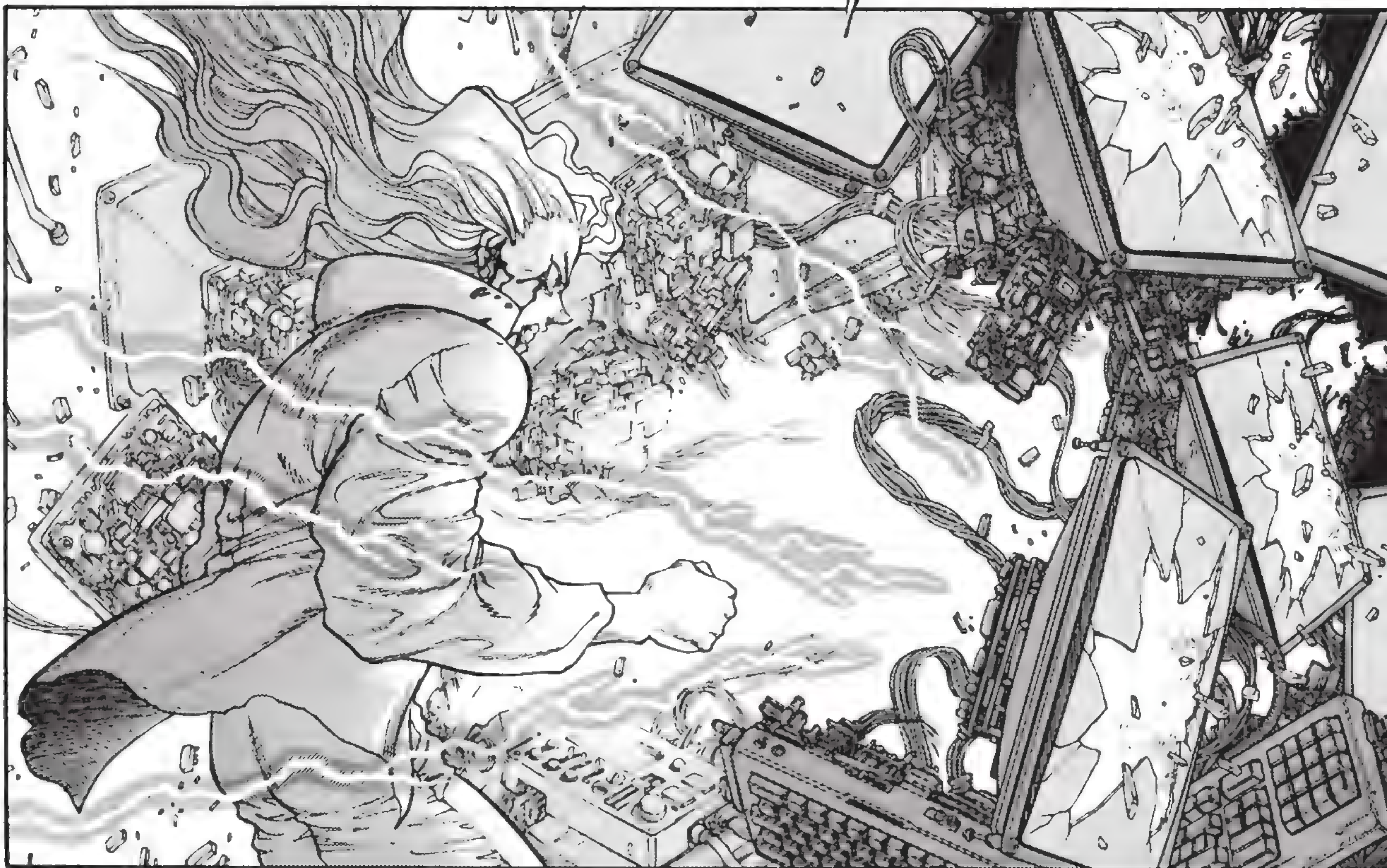
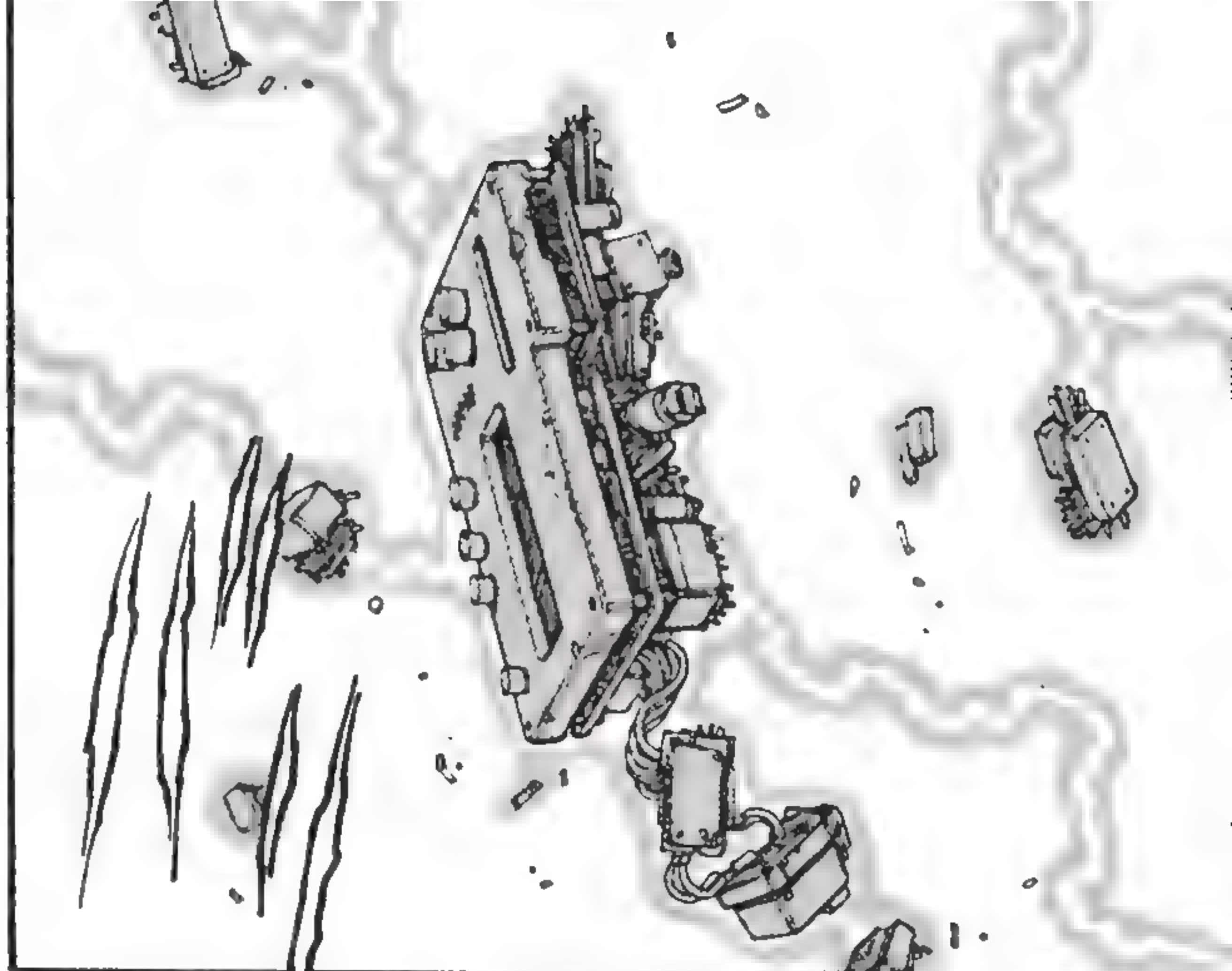
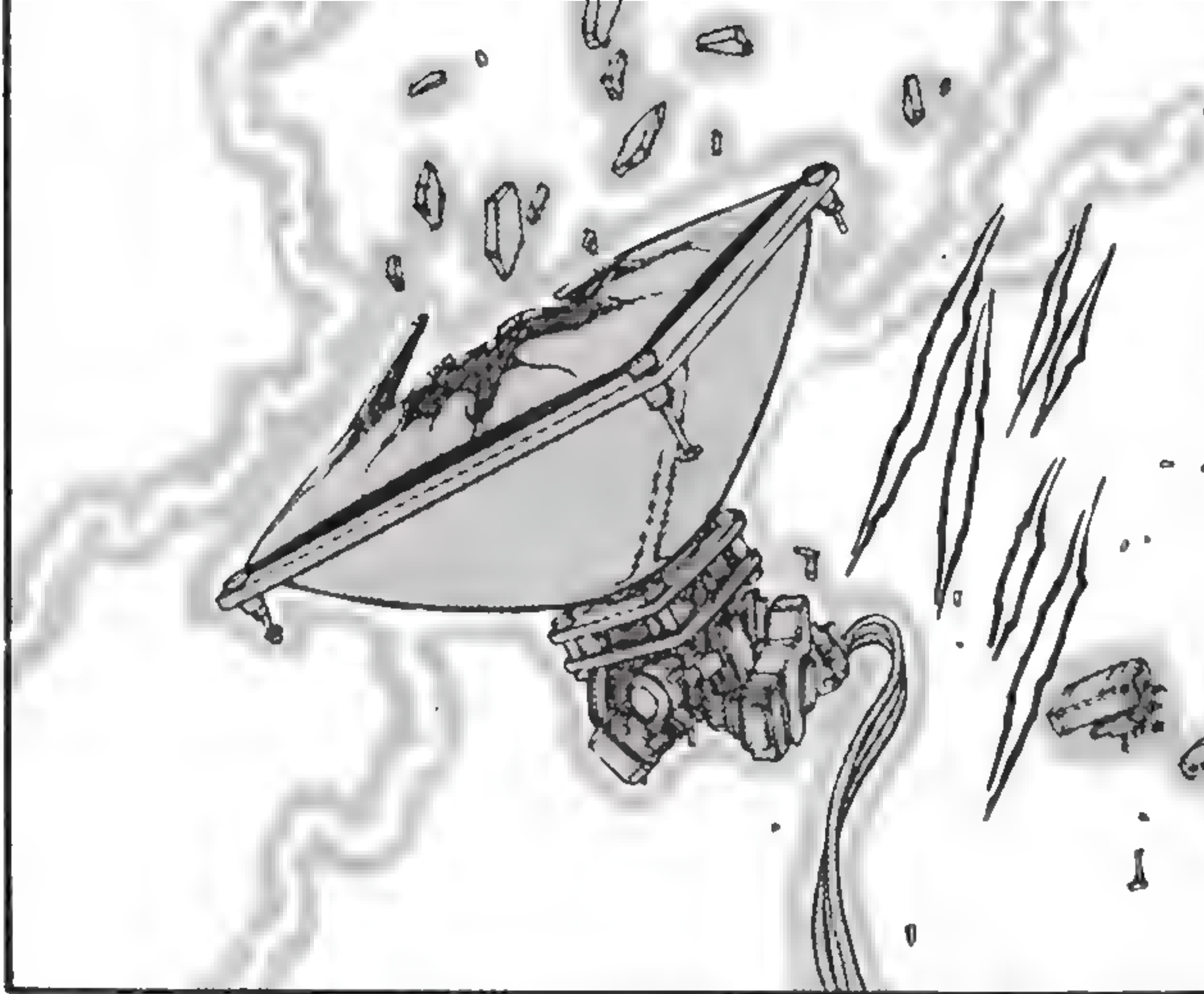


HEH, HEH,
HA HA
HA HA!



**DON'T
BELITTLE
ME, OLD
MAN!!**

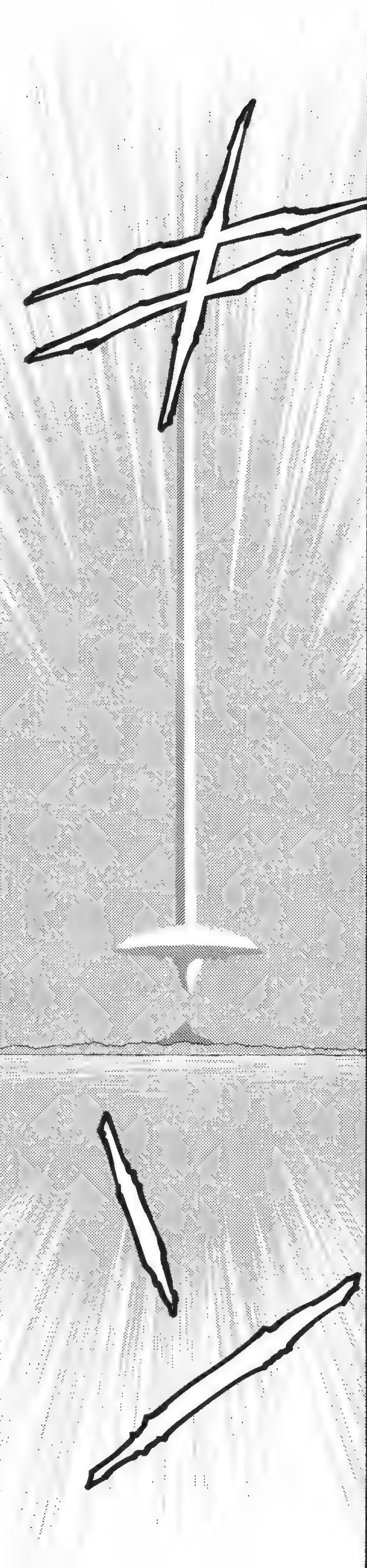
**HA
HA
HA**

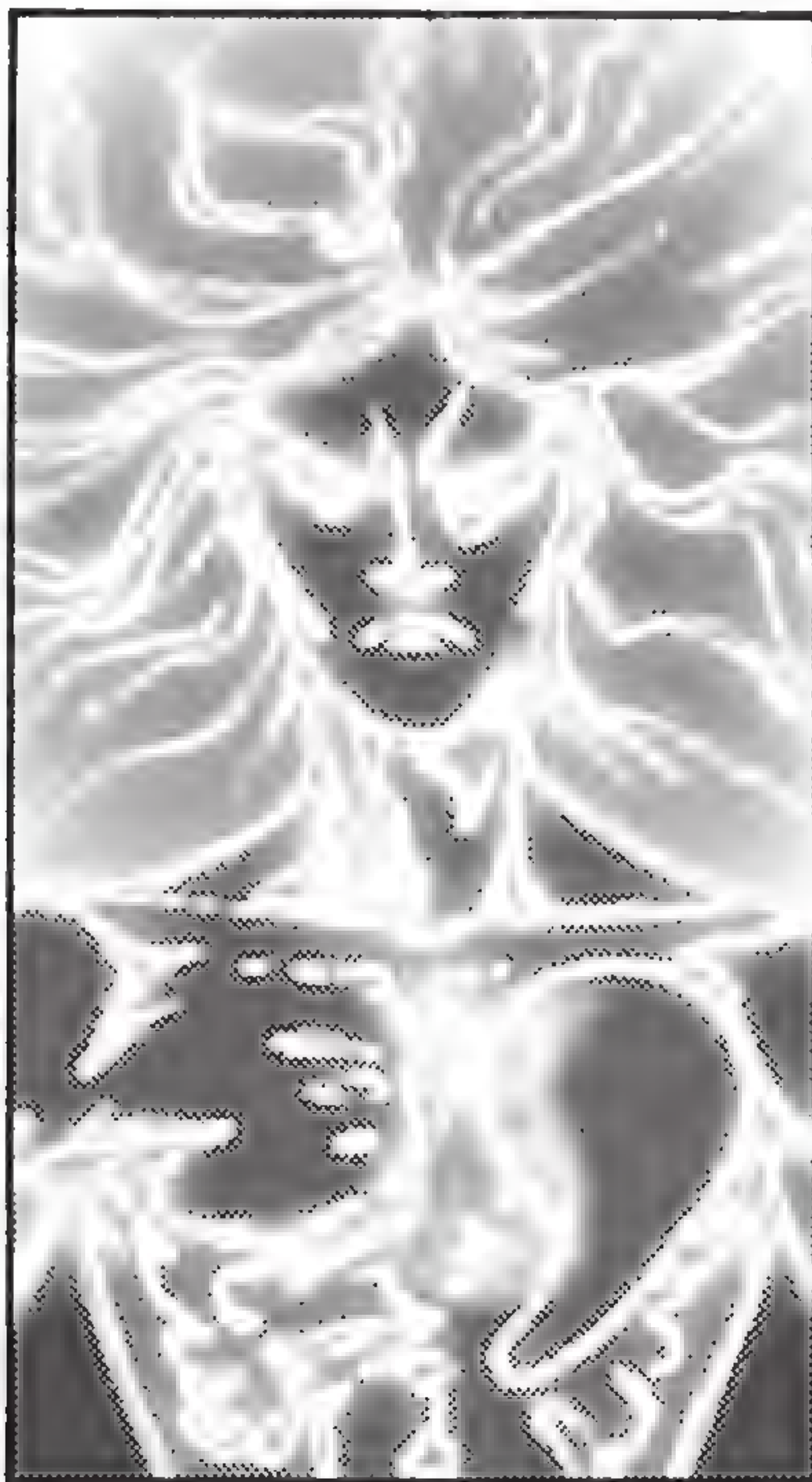


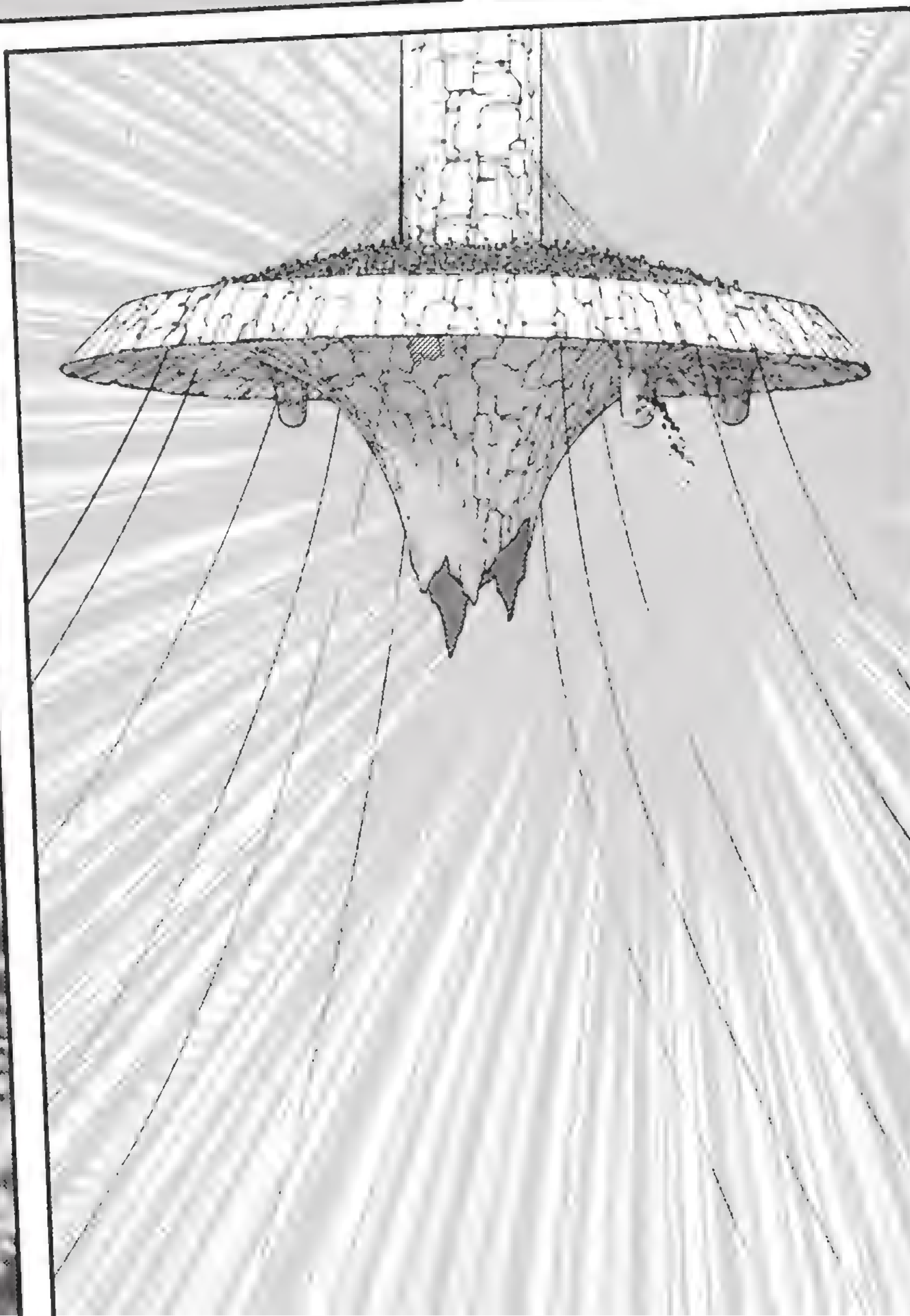
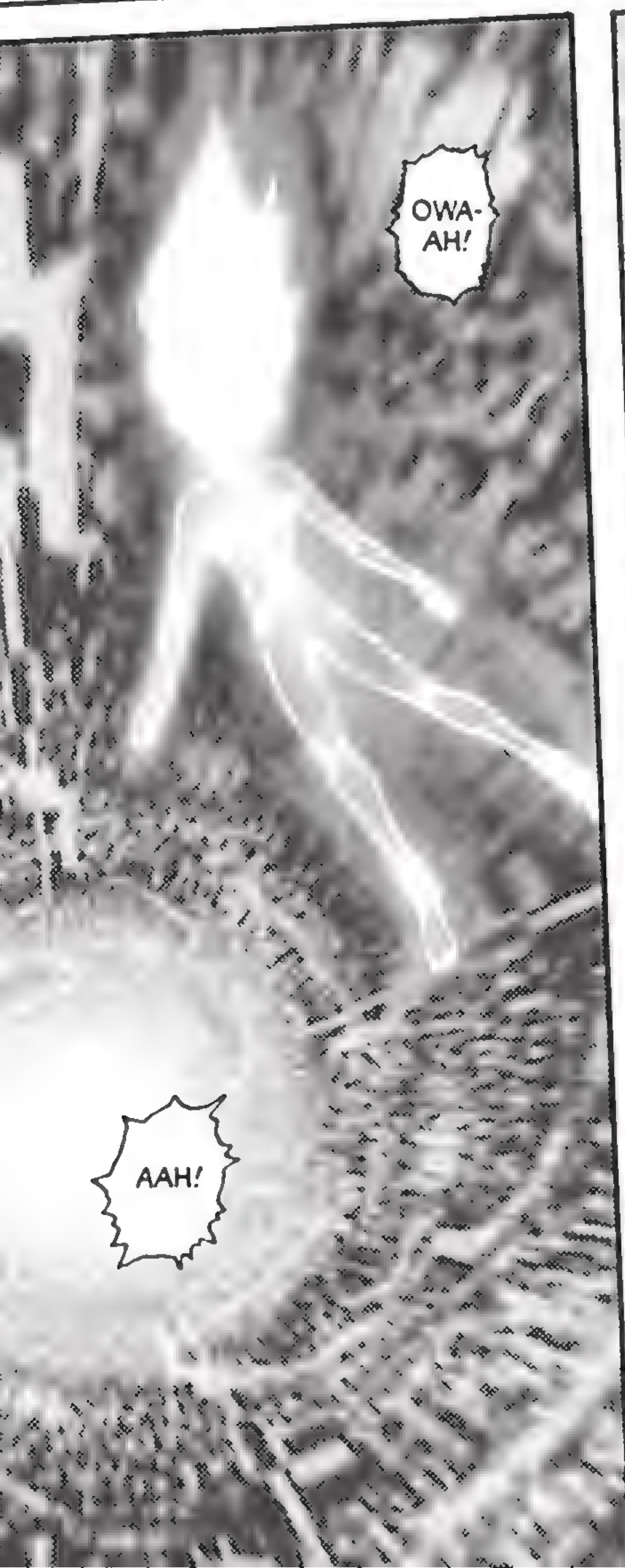
YOU WANT
MY LIFE? YOU
CAN **HAVE** IT,
YOU PIECE OF
SHIT!!

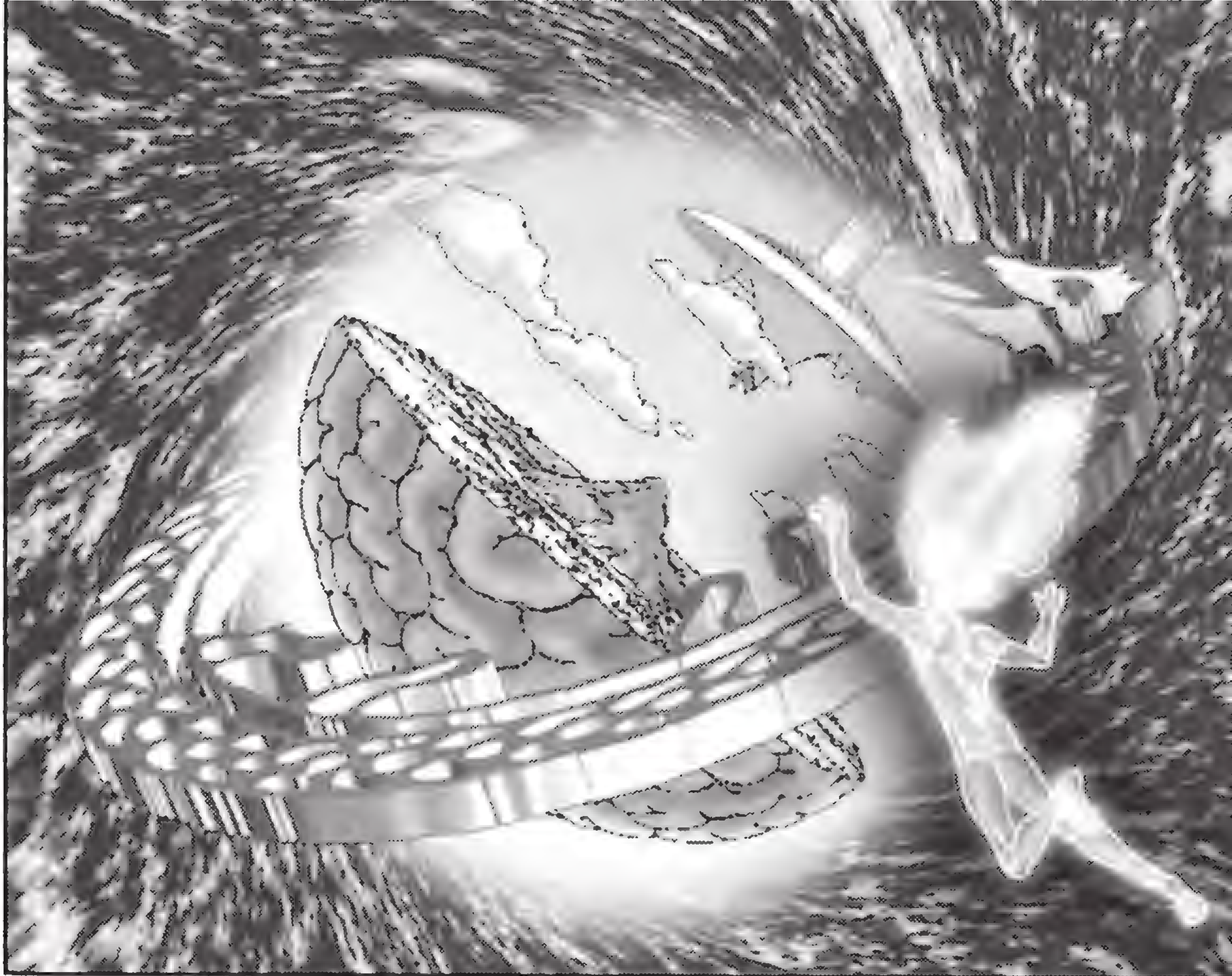


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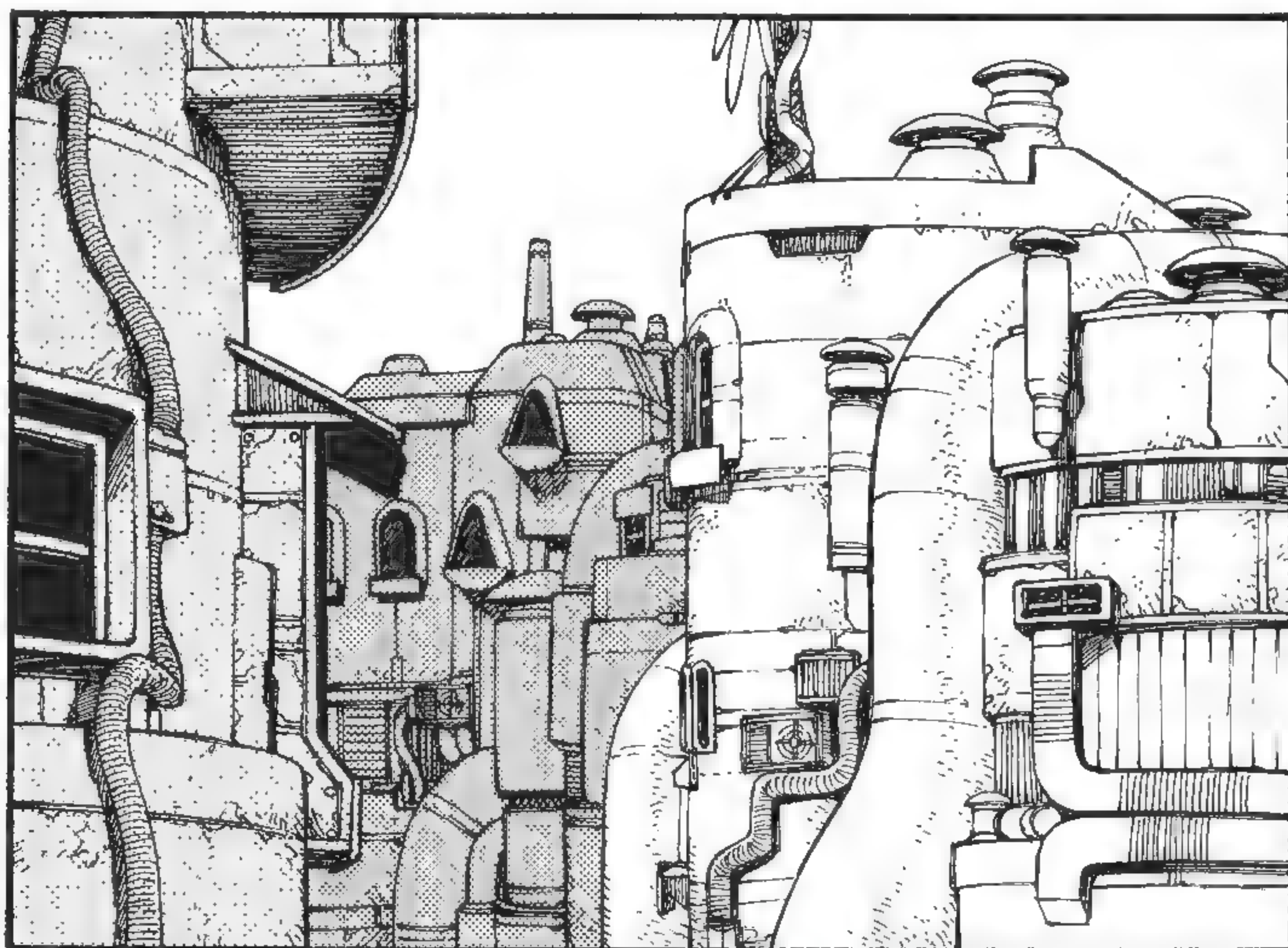
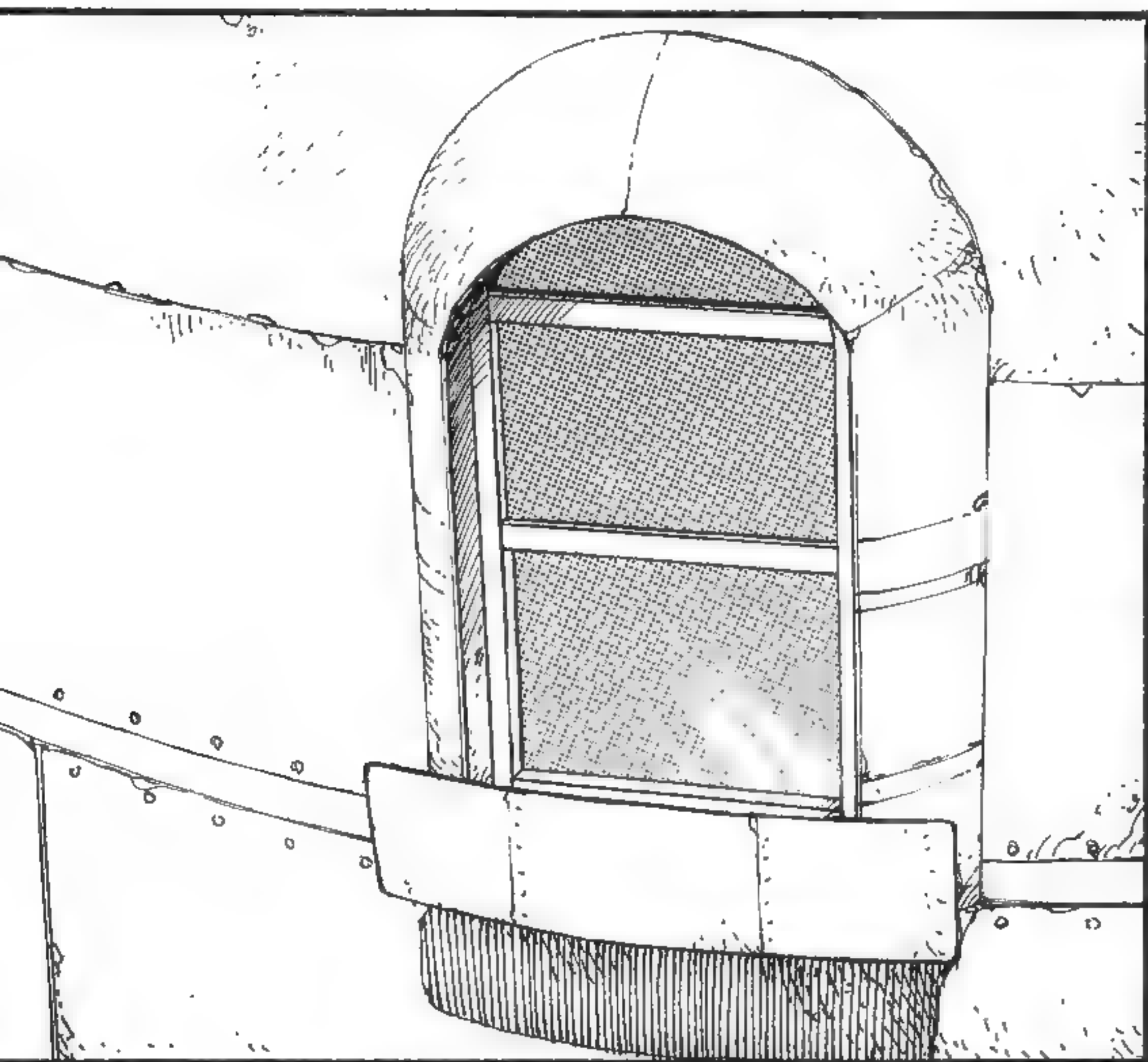


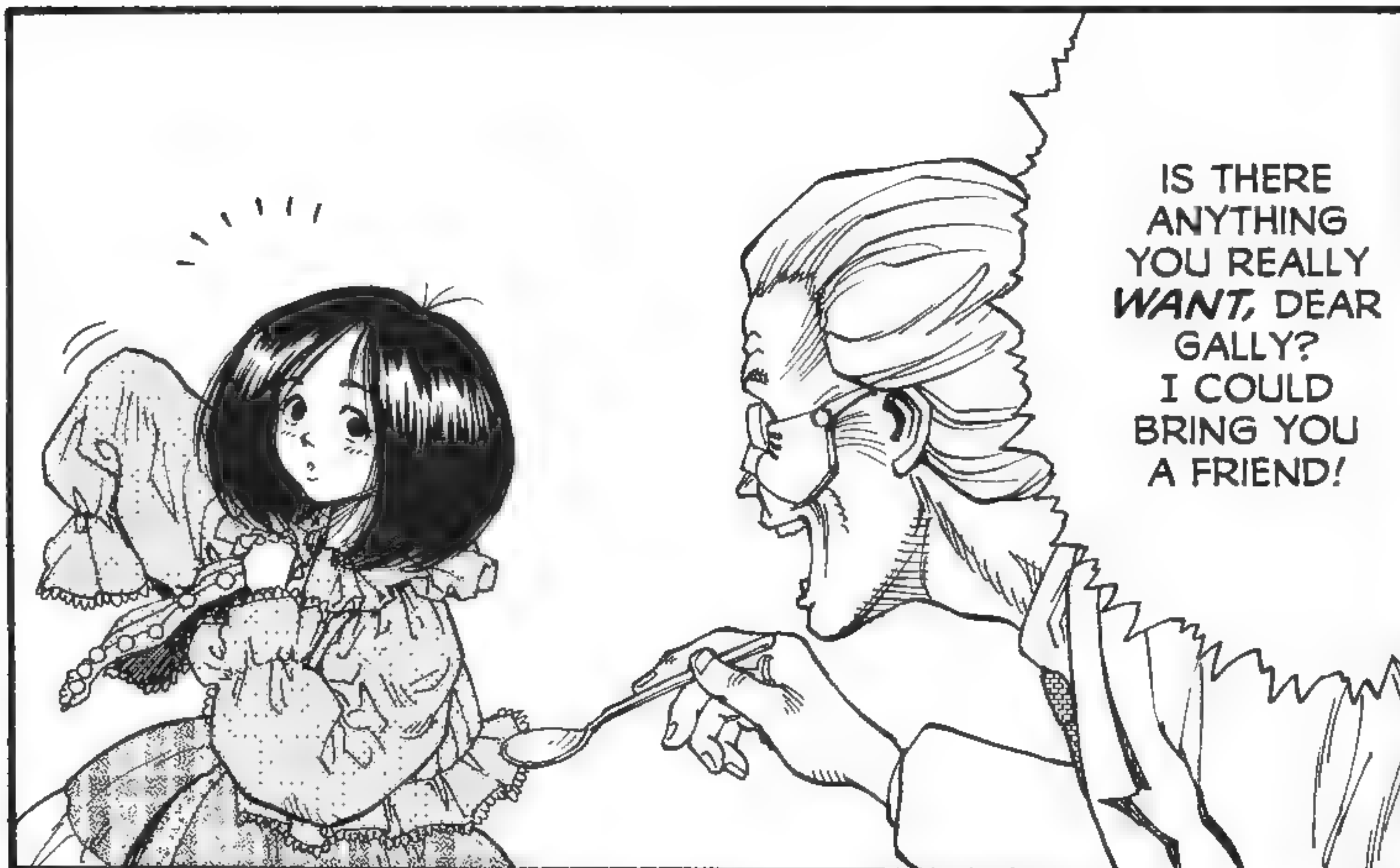
MY HEART
HAS STOPPED.
MY BODY WON'T
LAST LONG!!

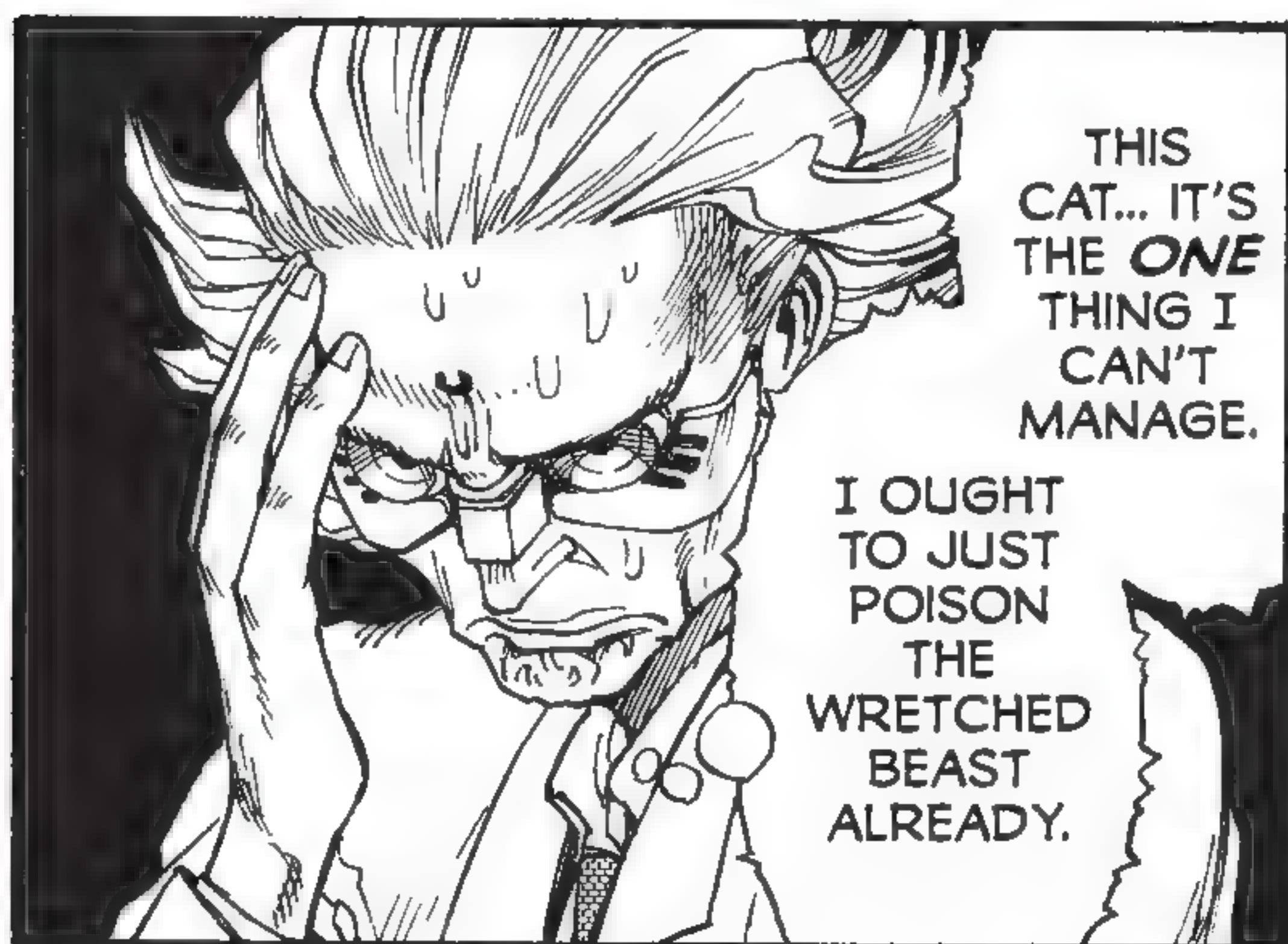
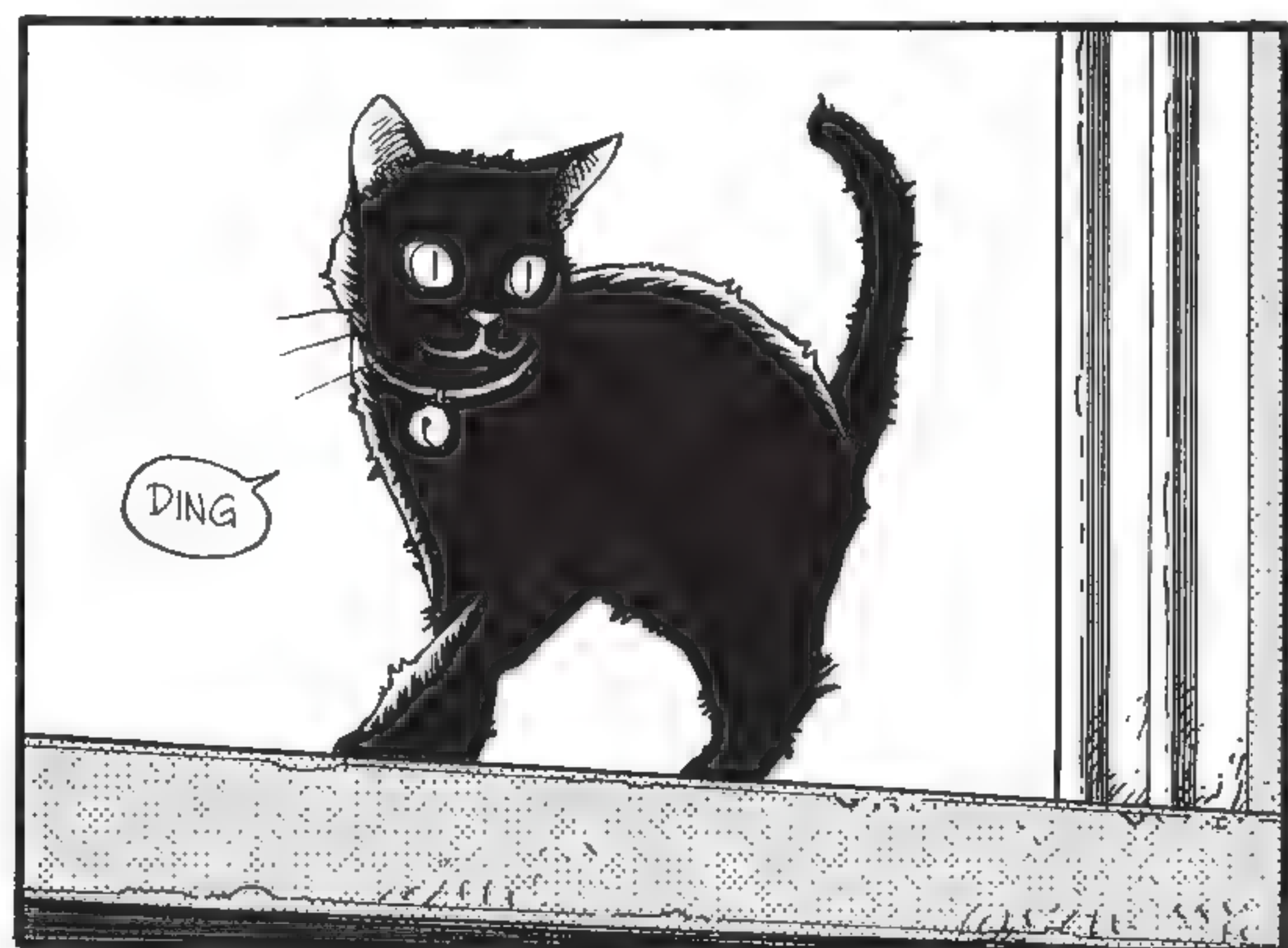
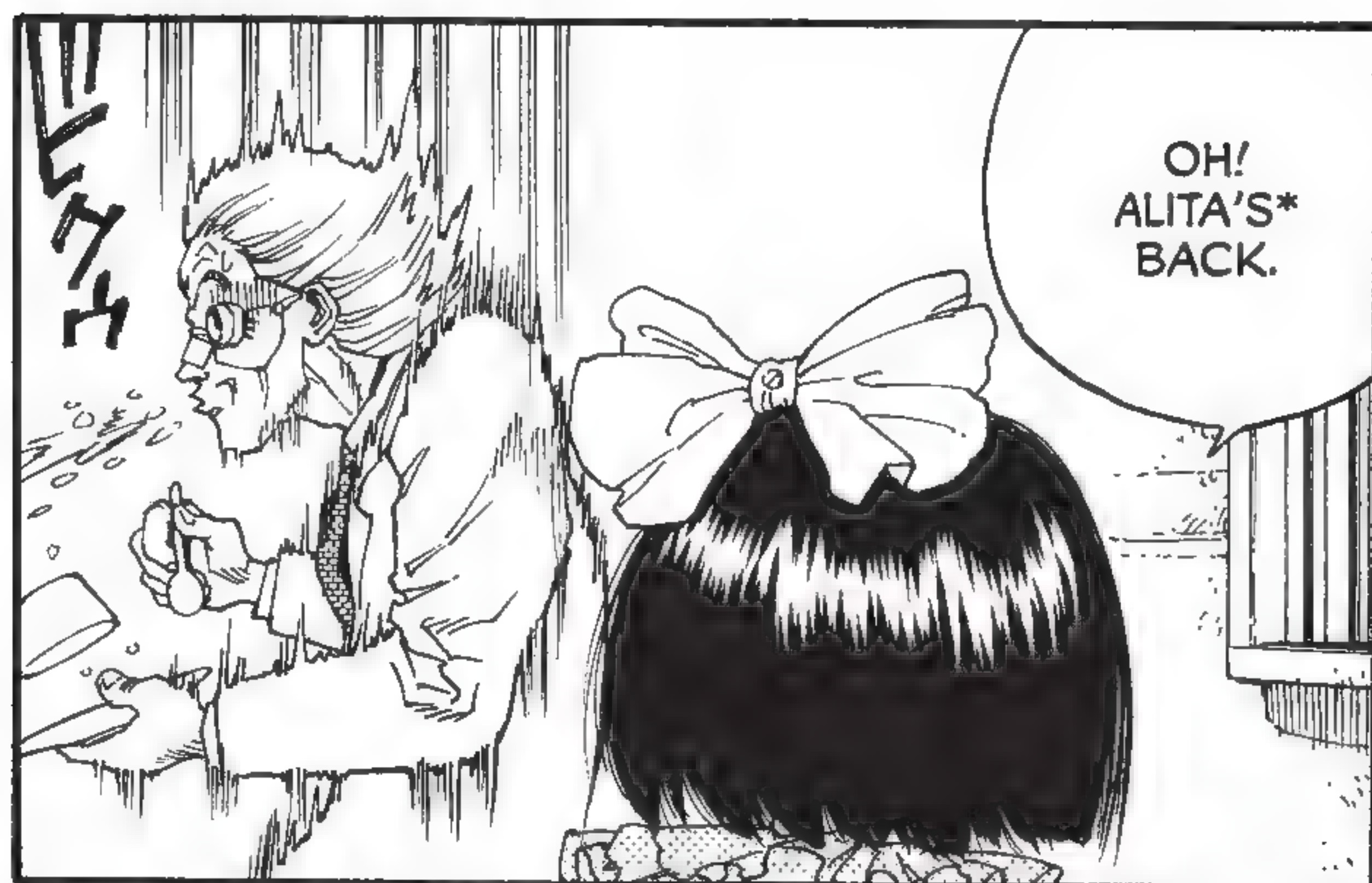
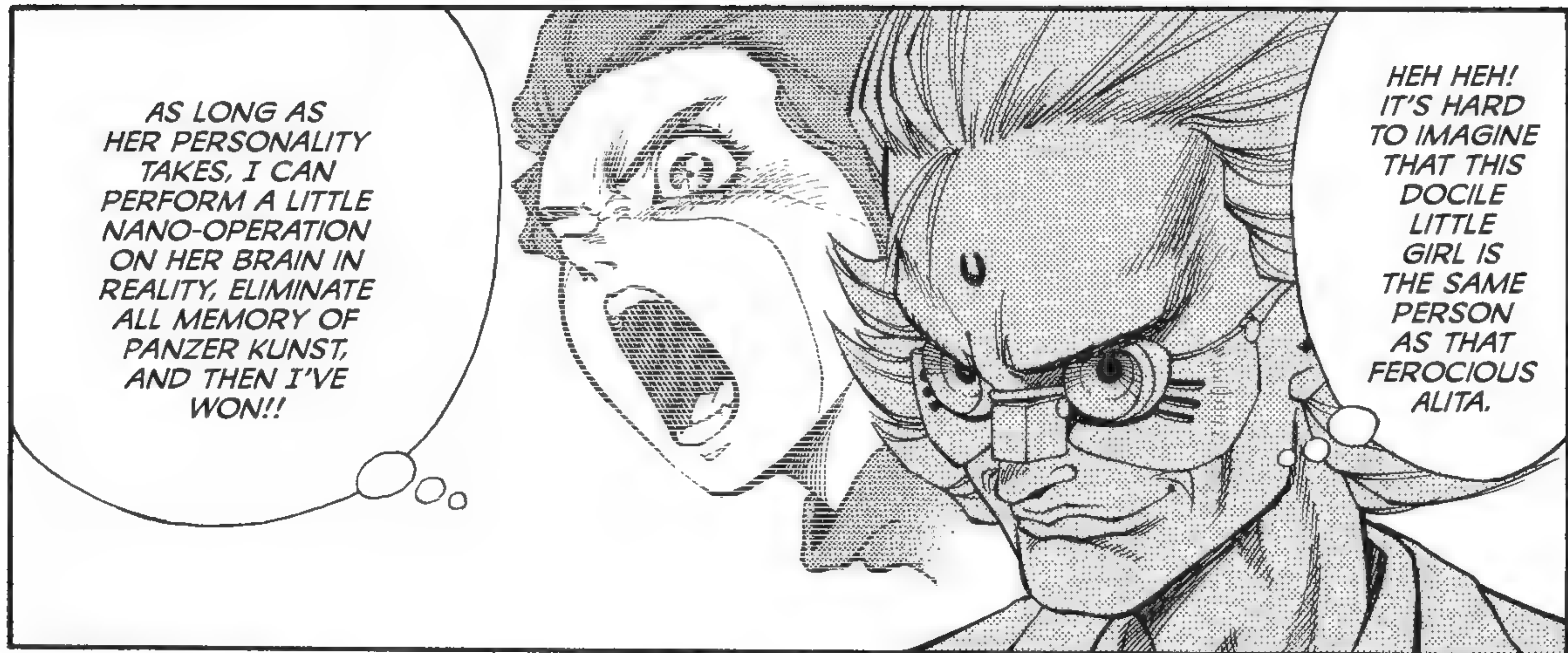
THERE...THAT'S
OUROBOROS!!

WHAT A TRICKY
CONSTRUCTION...
IF I ATTEMPT TO
SIMPLY SHATTER THE
PROGRAM, IT WILL
CAUSE ALITA'S MIND
TO BREAK ALONG
WITH IT...

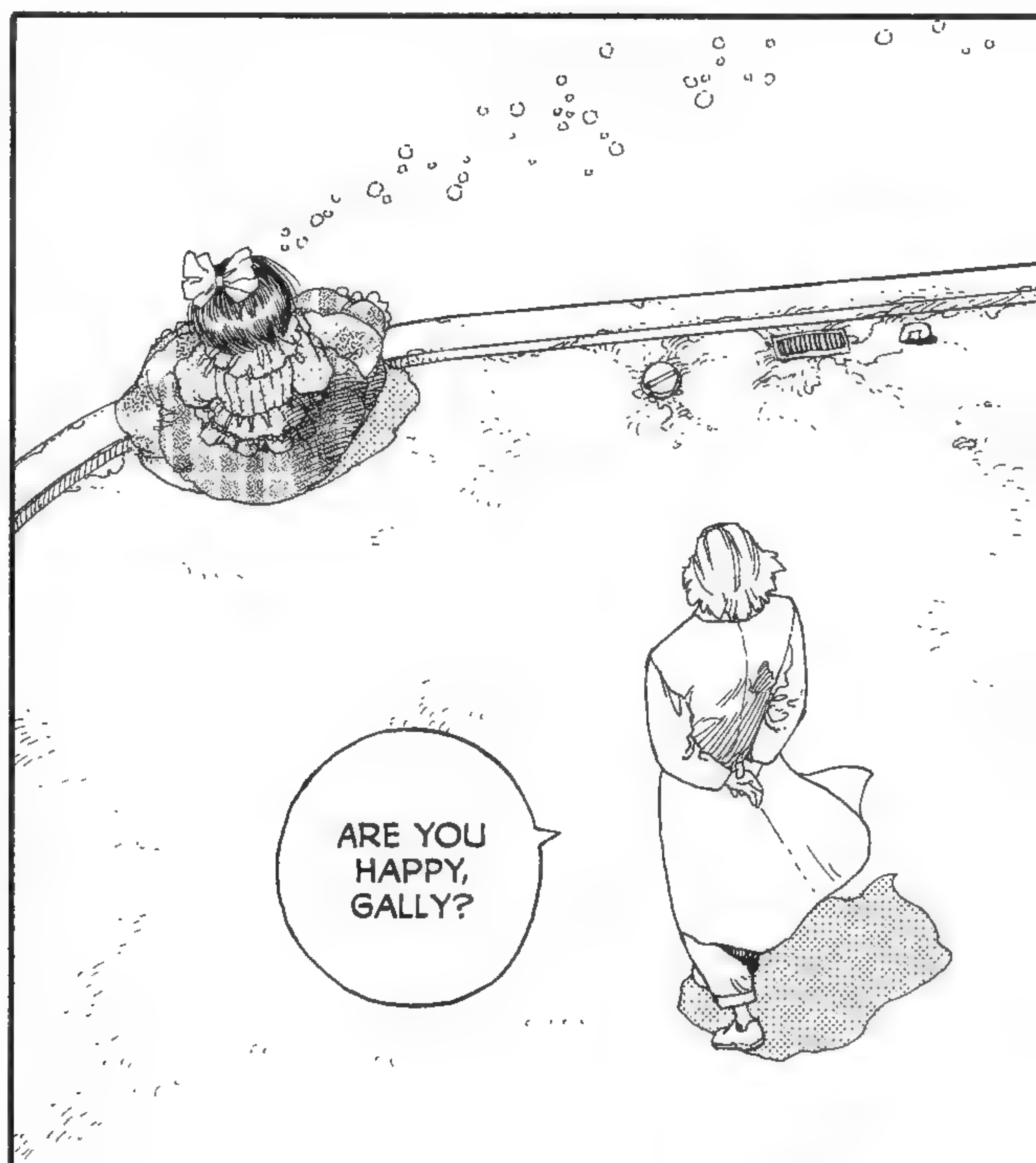
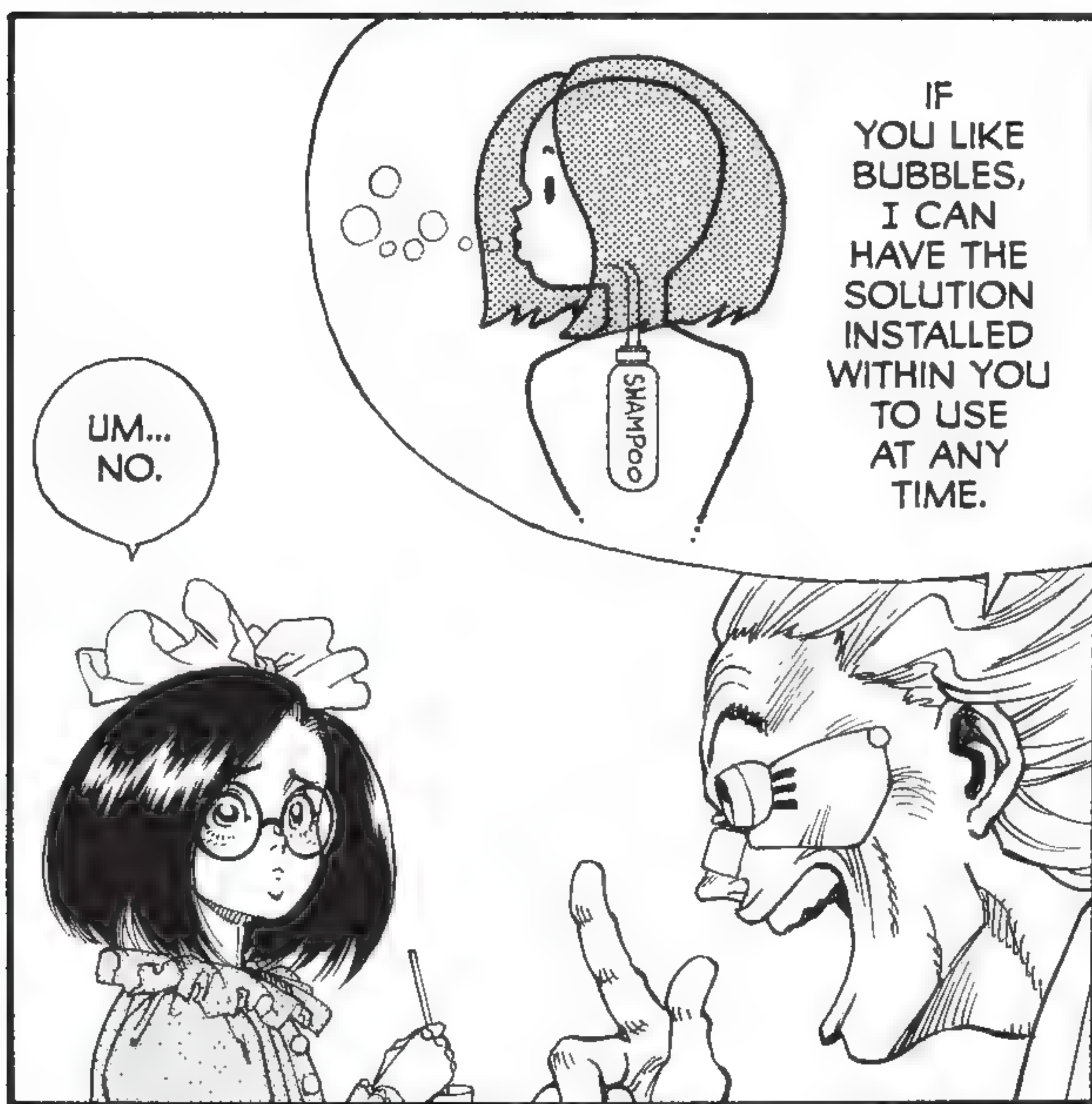
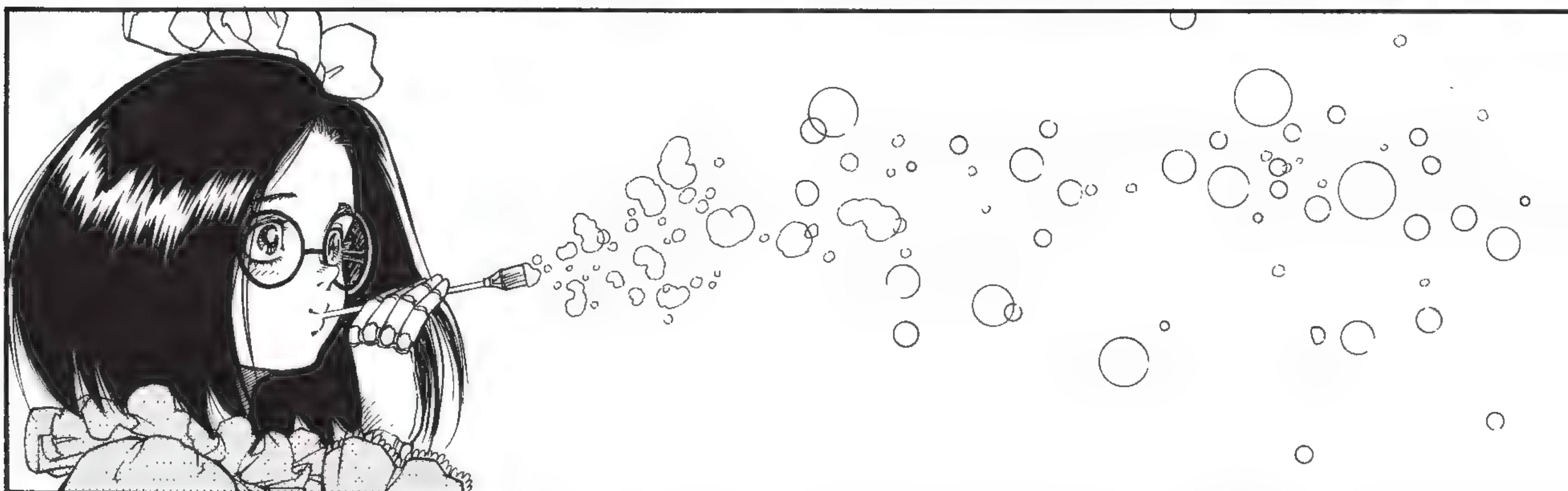
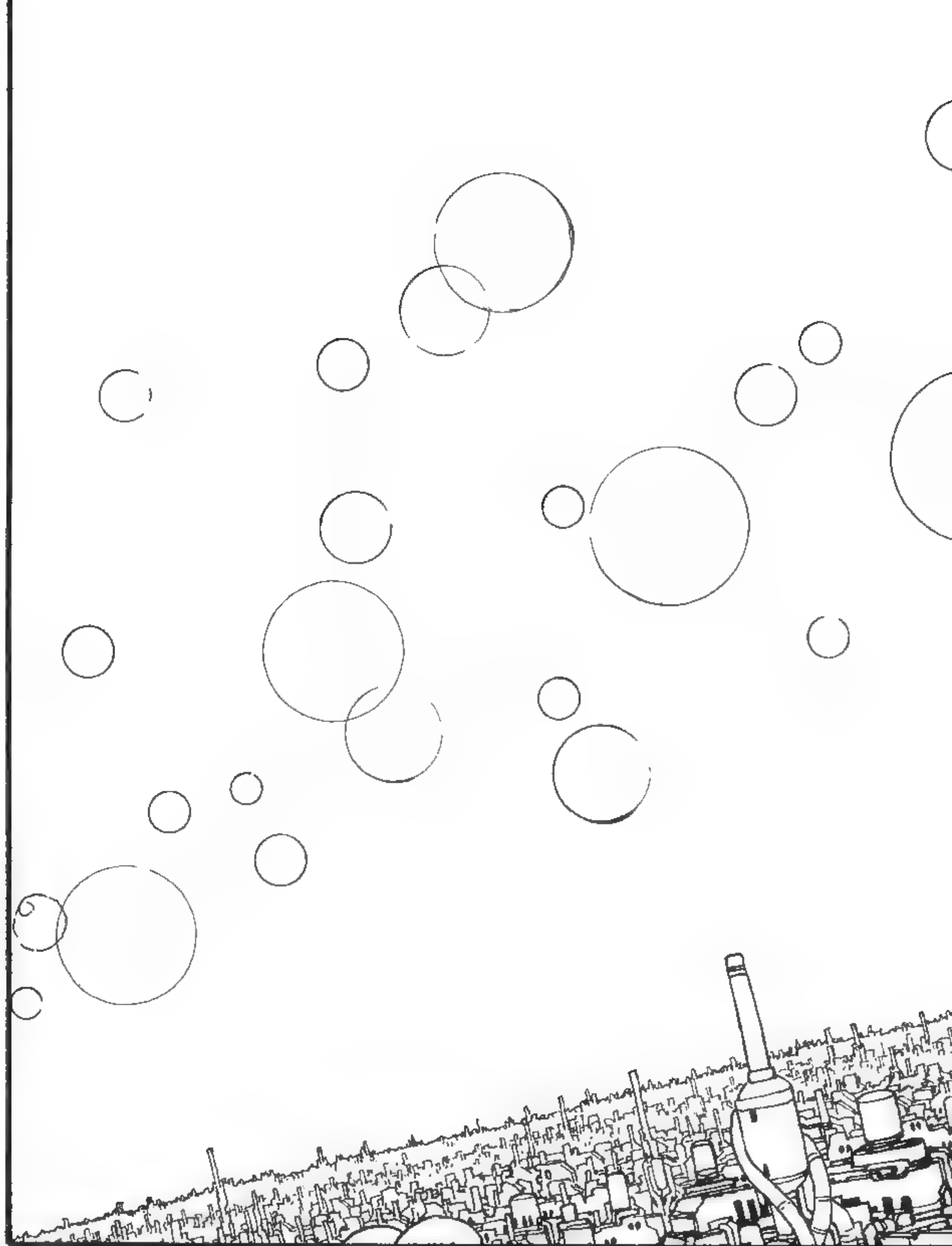
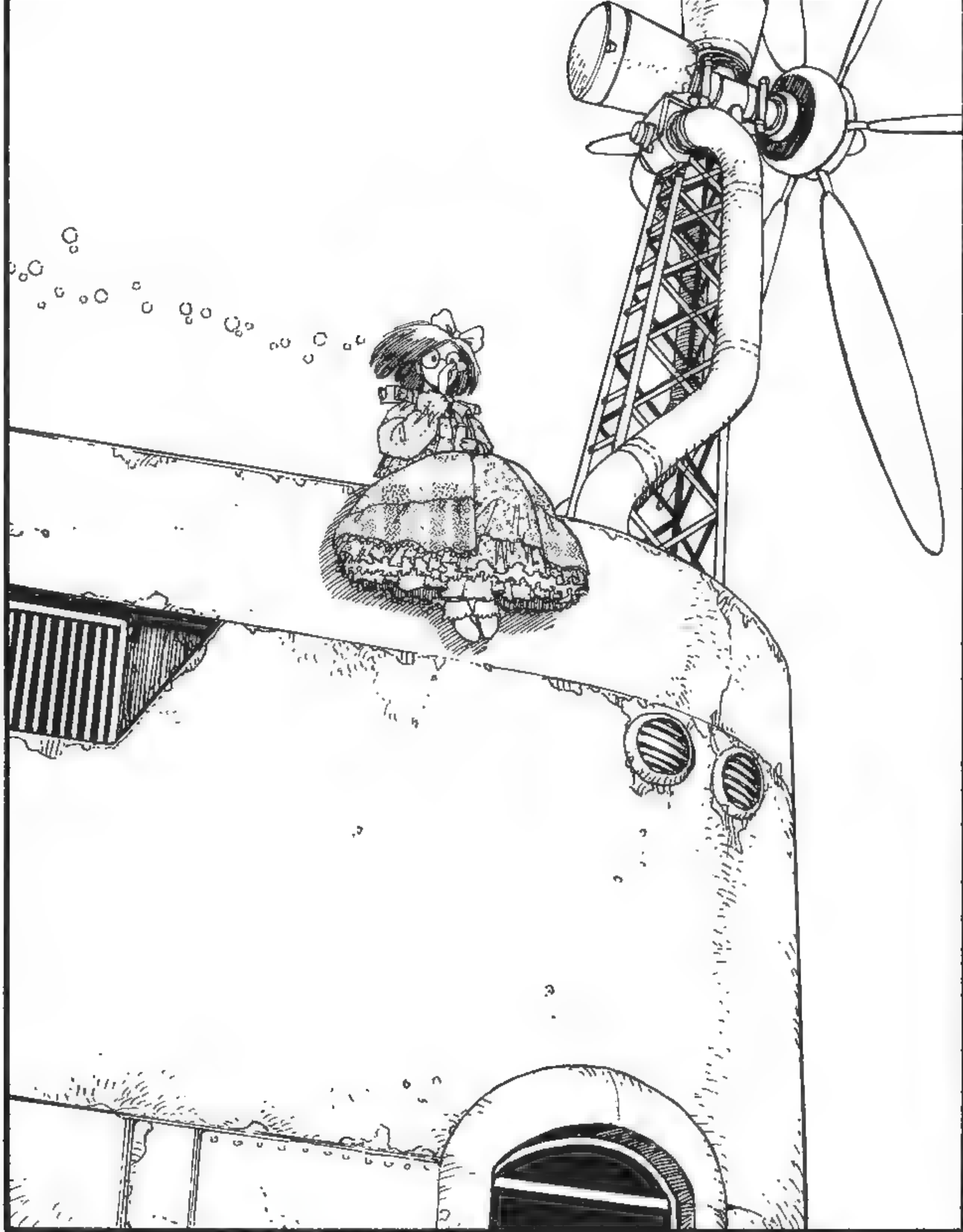
BUT
THERE'S
NO TIME
TO
WASTE!!

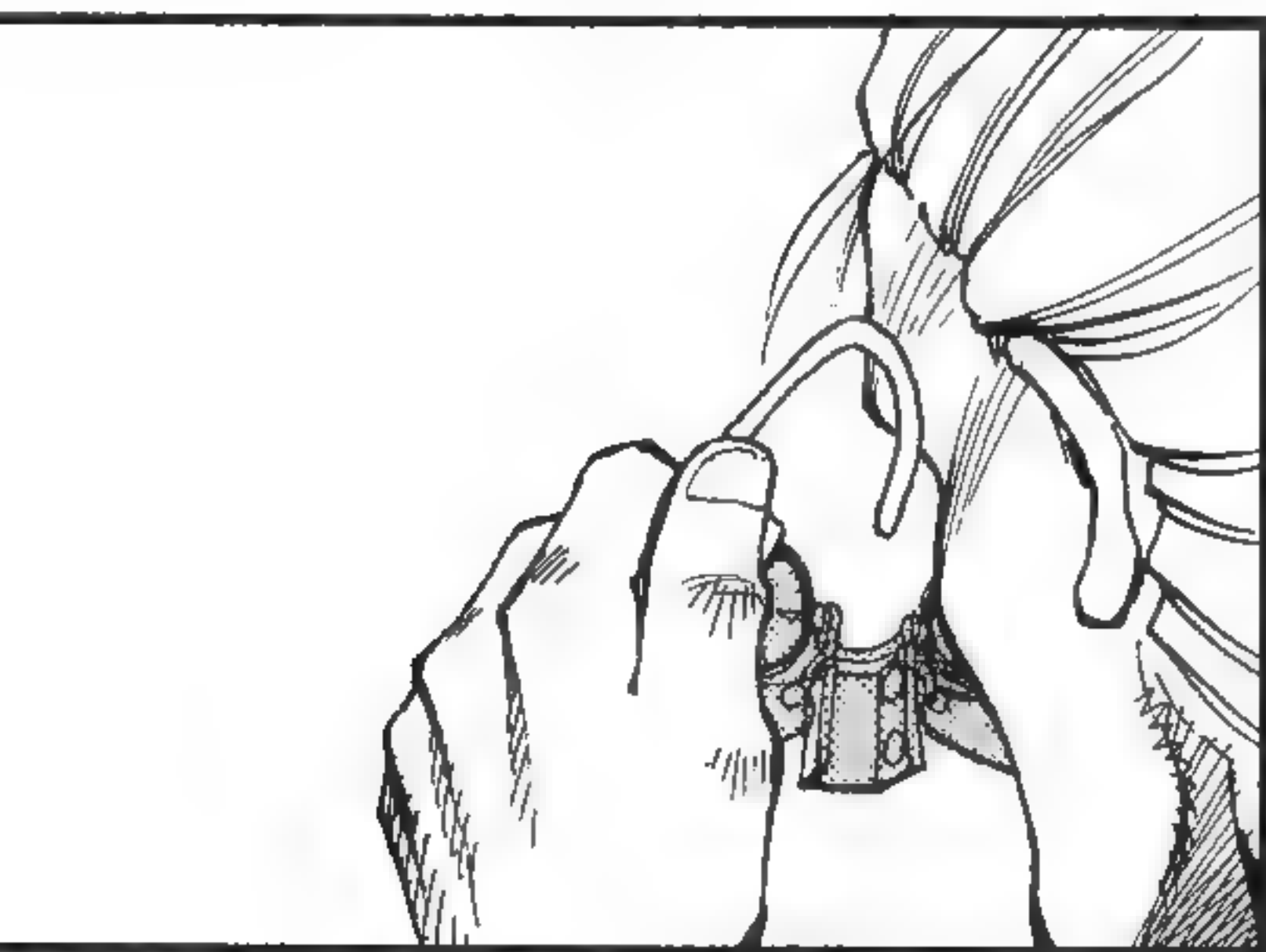
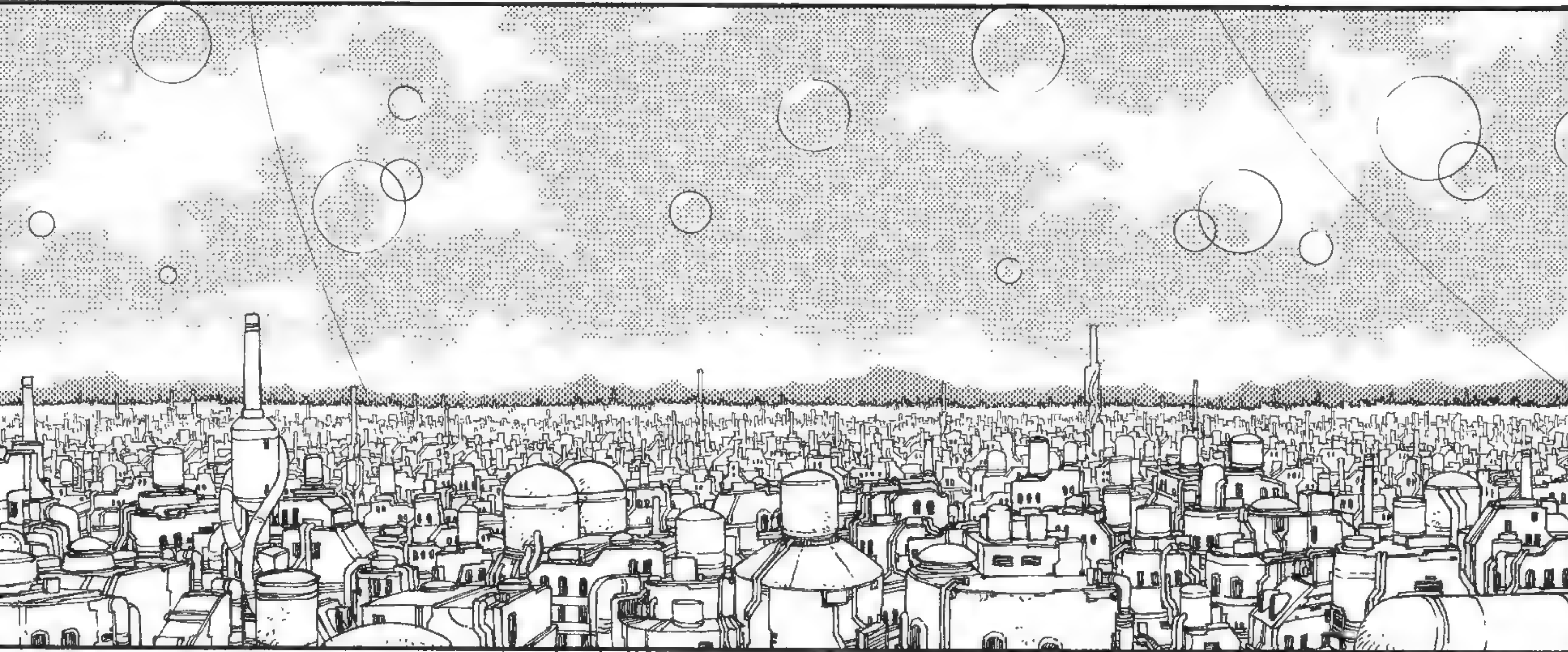
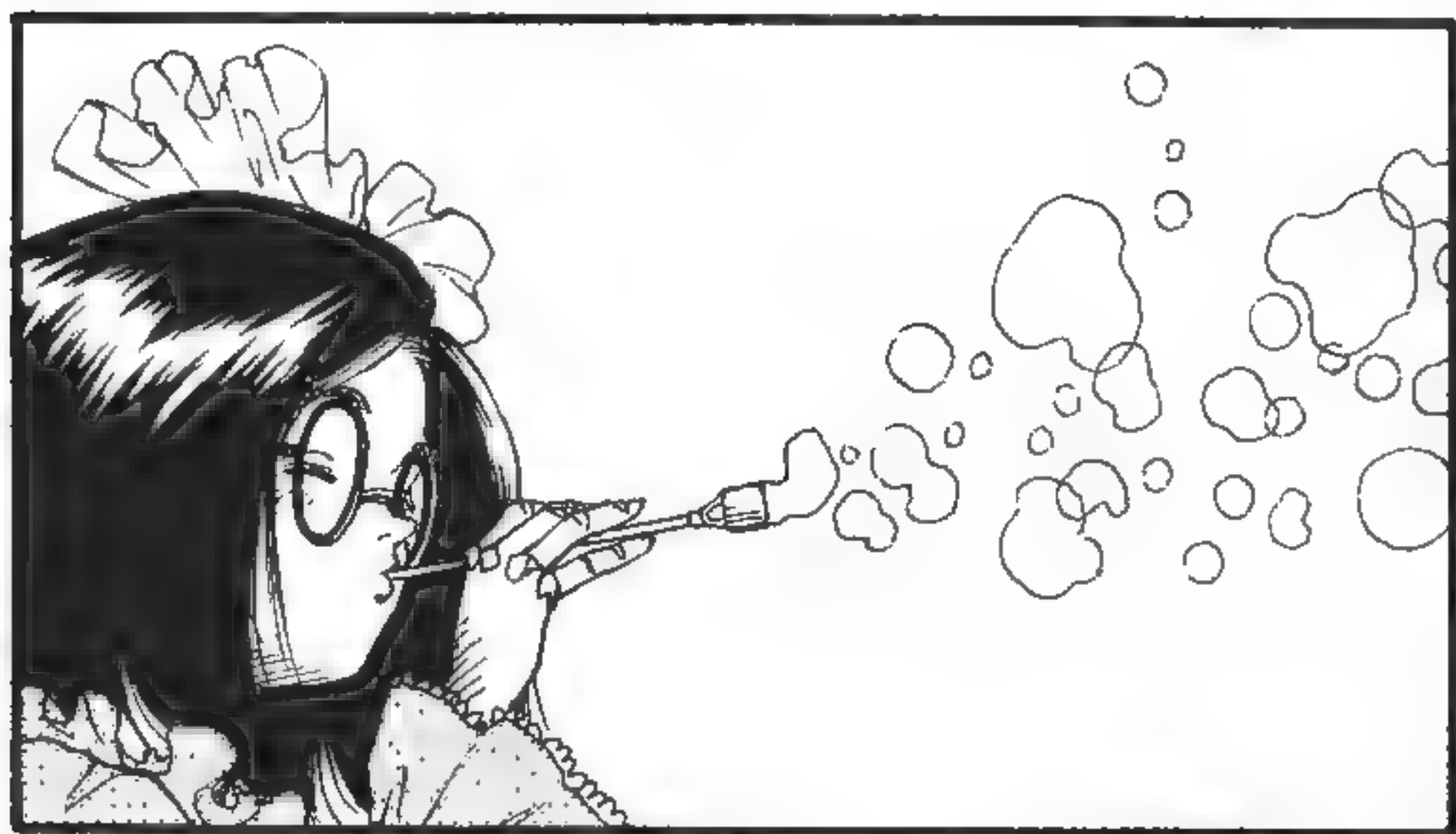
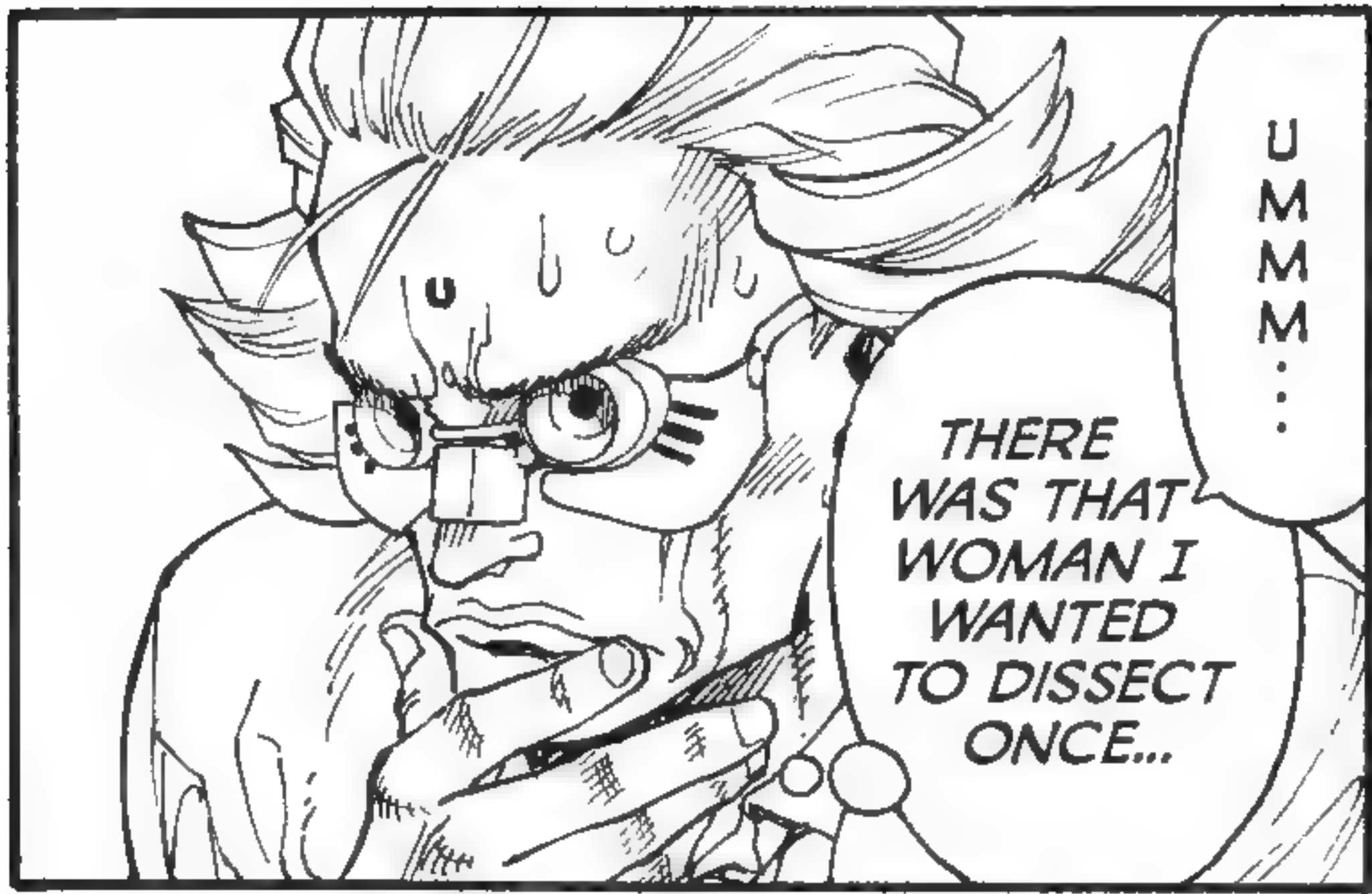


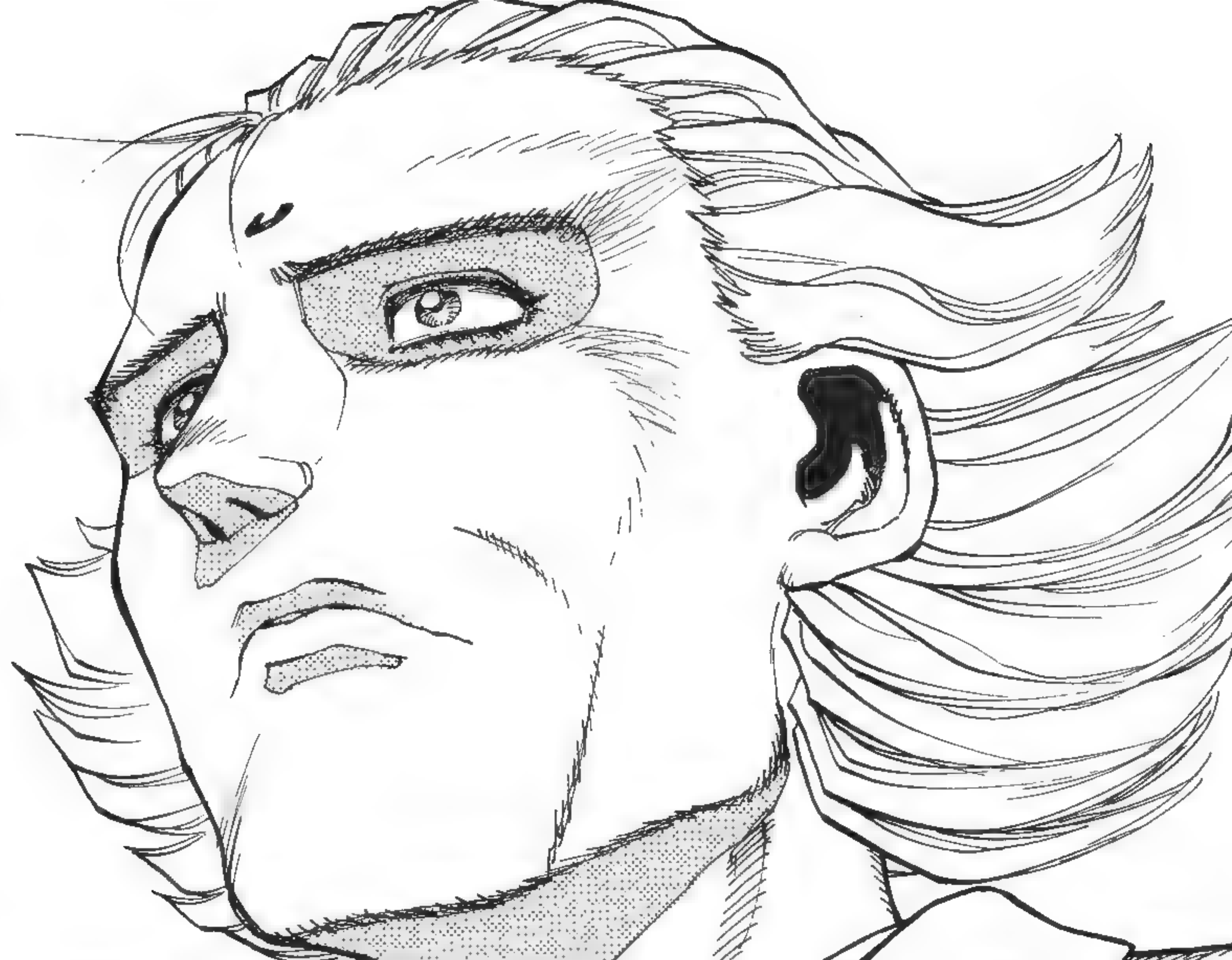




*Alita (Cat): The male cat that Ido kept years ago. (See Fight 1.)







I
WONDER...

...WHAT'S
BEEN
DRIVING
ME ALL
OF THIS
TIME...



WHAT
IS THIS
EMOTION
THAT LEAPS
WITHIN MY
CHEST...?

...AND
I COULD
BELIEVE IN
NOTHING BUT
JOY... THEN I
WOULD FIND
MYSELF
WISHING
WITH ALL MY
HEART...

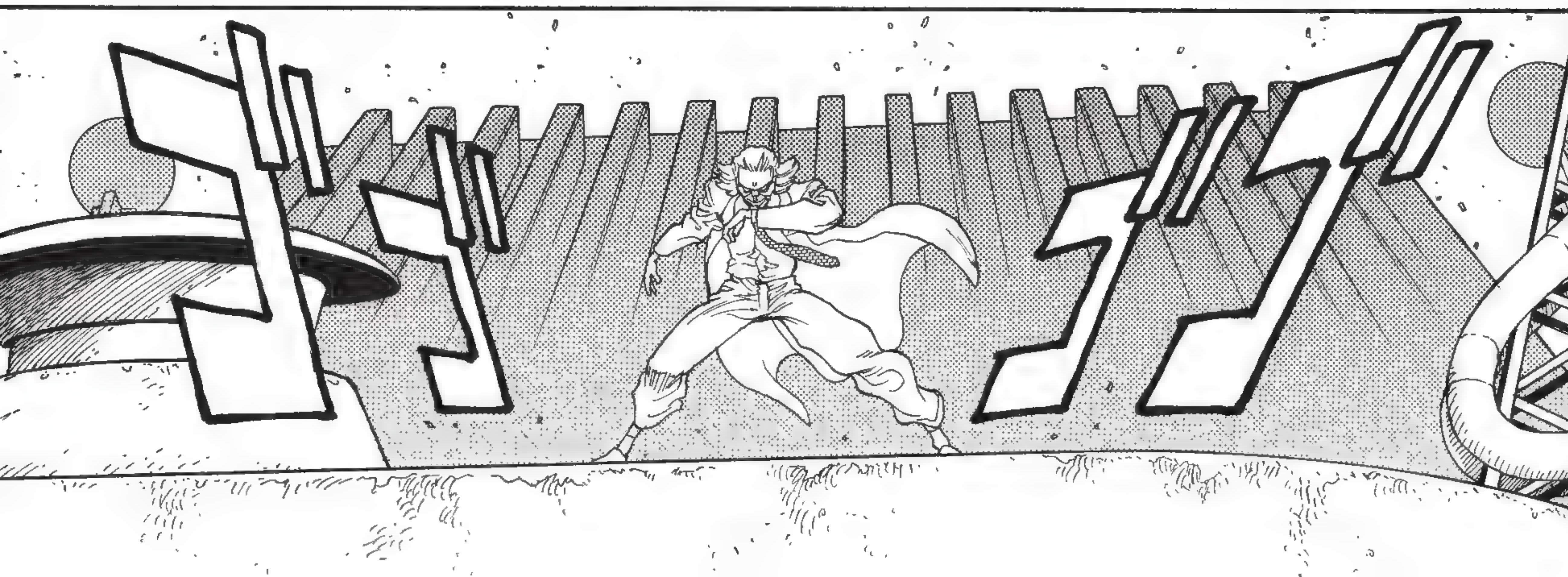
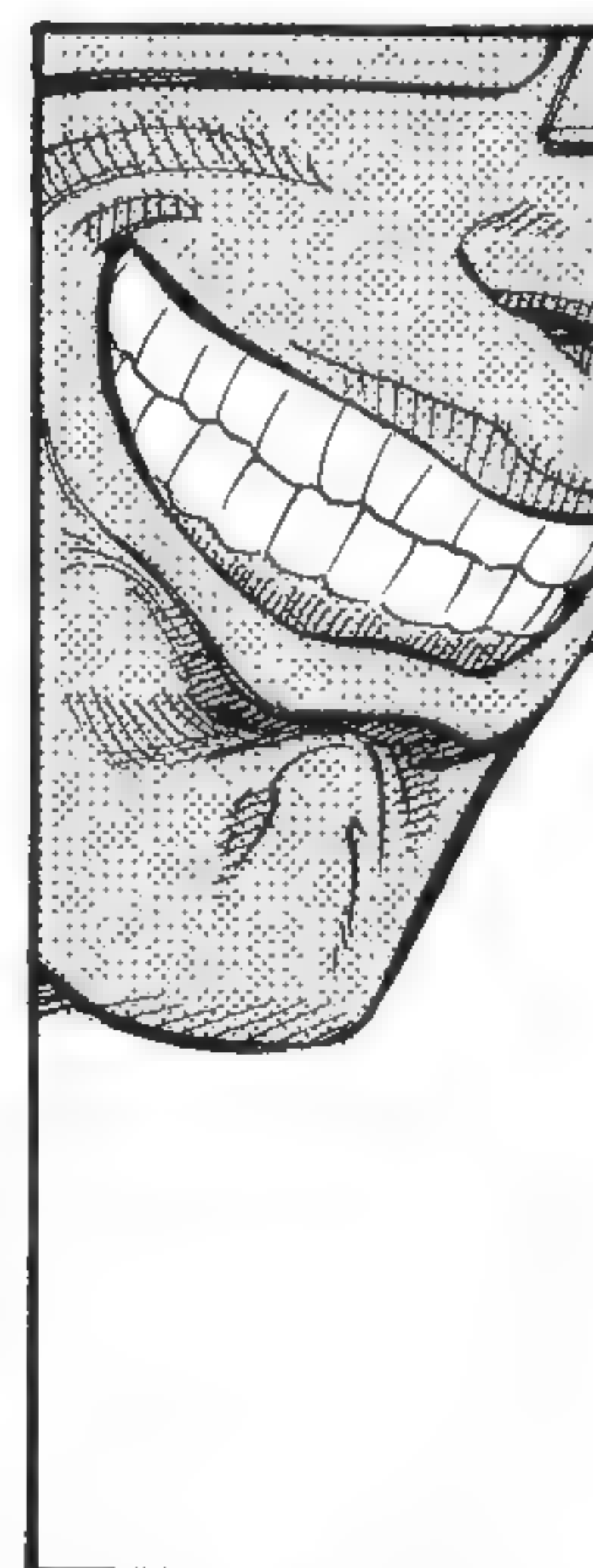
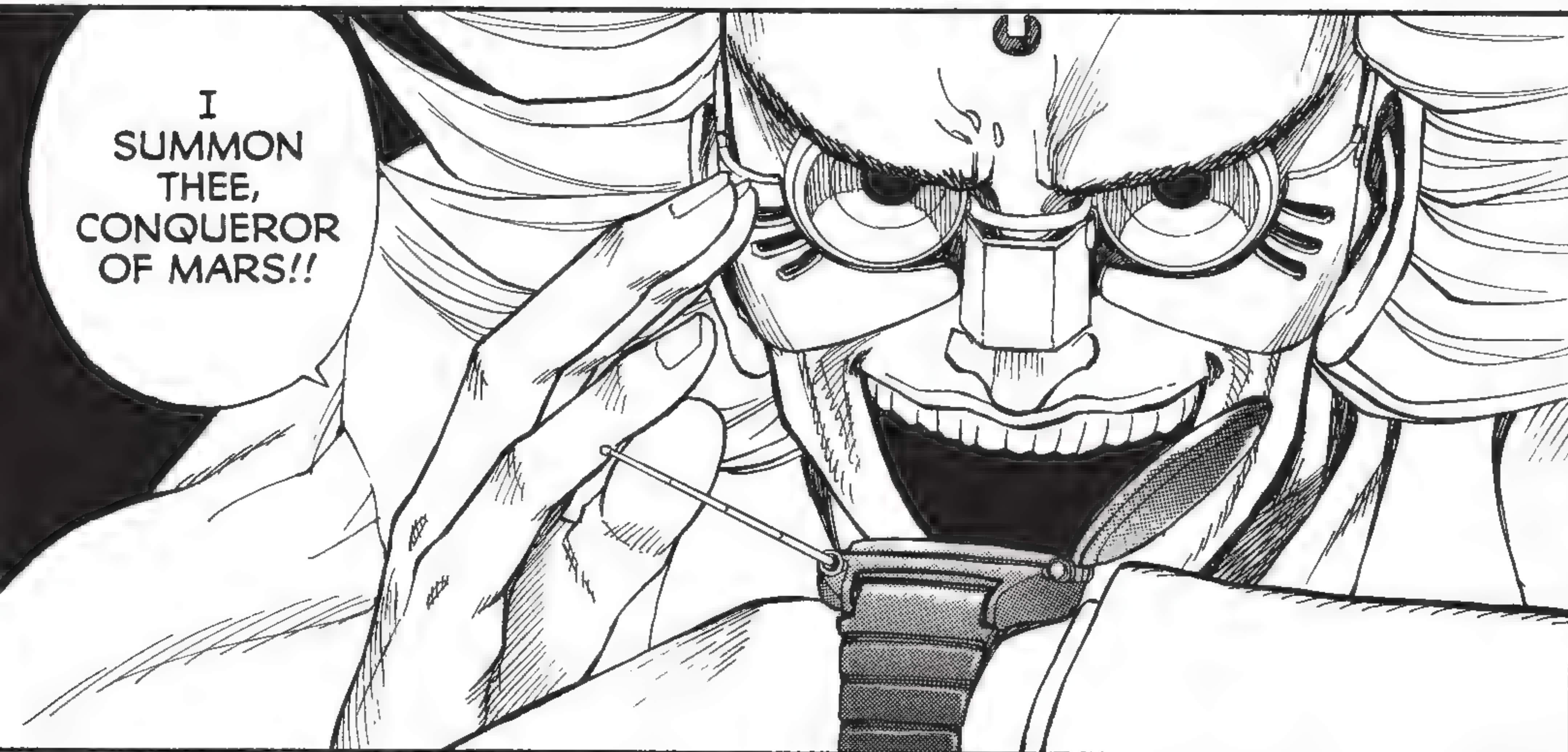
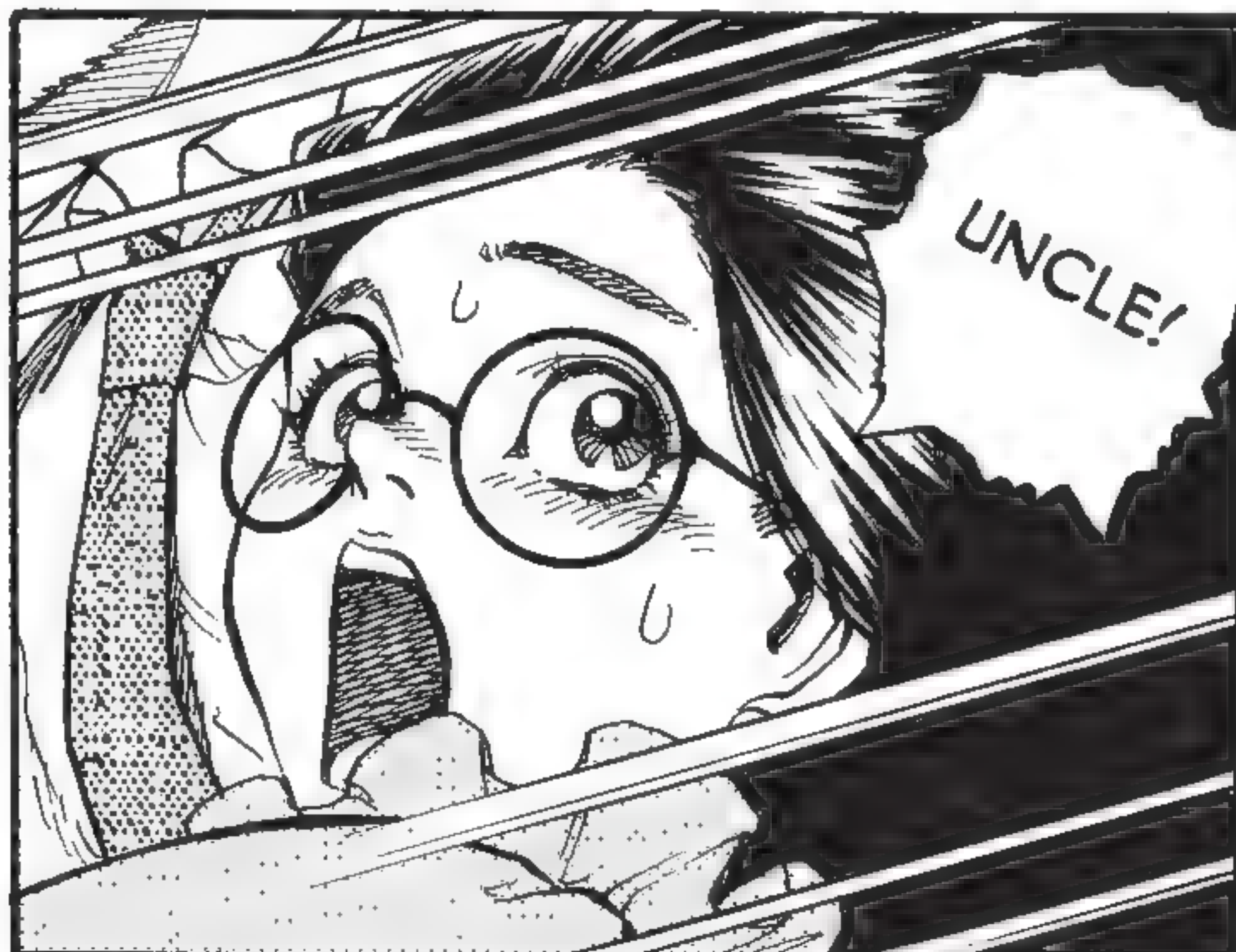
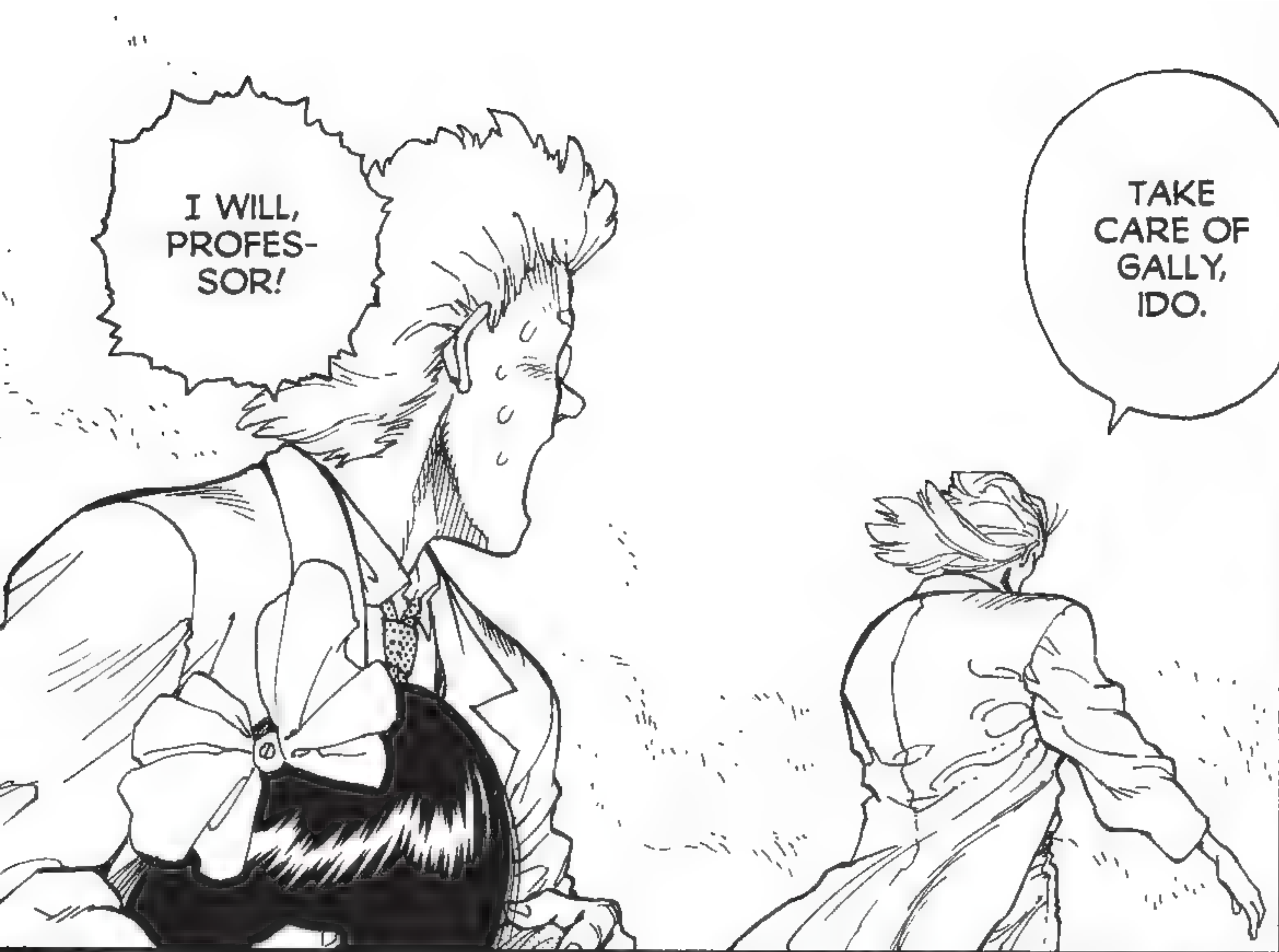
IF ONLY
THERE
WAS NO
TRAGEDY
OR DEATH
IN THE
WORLD...

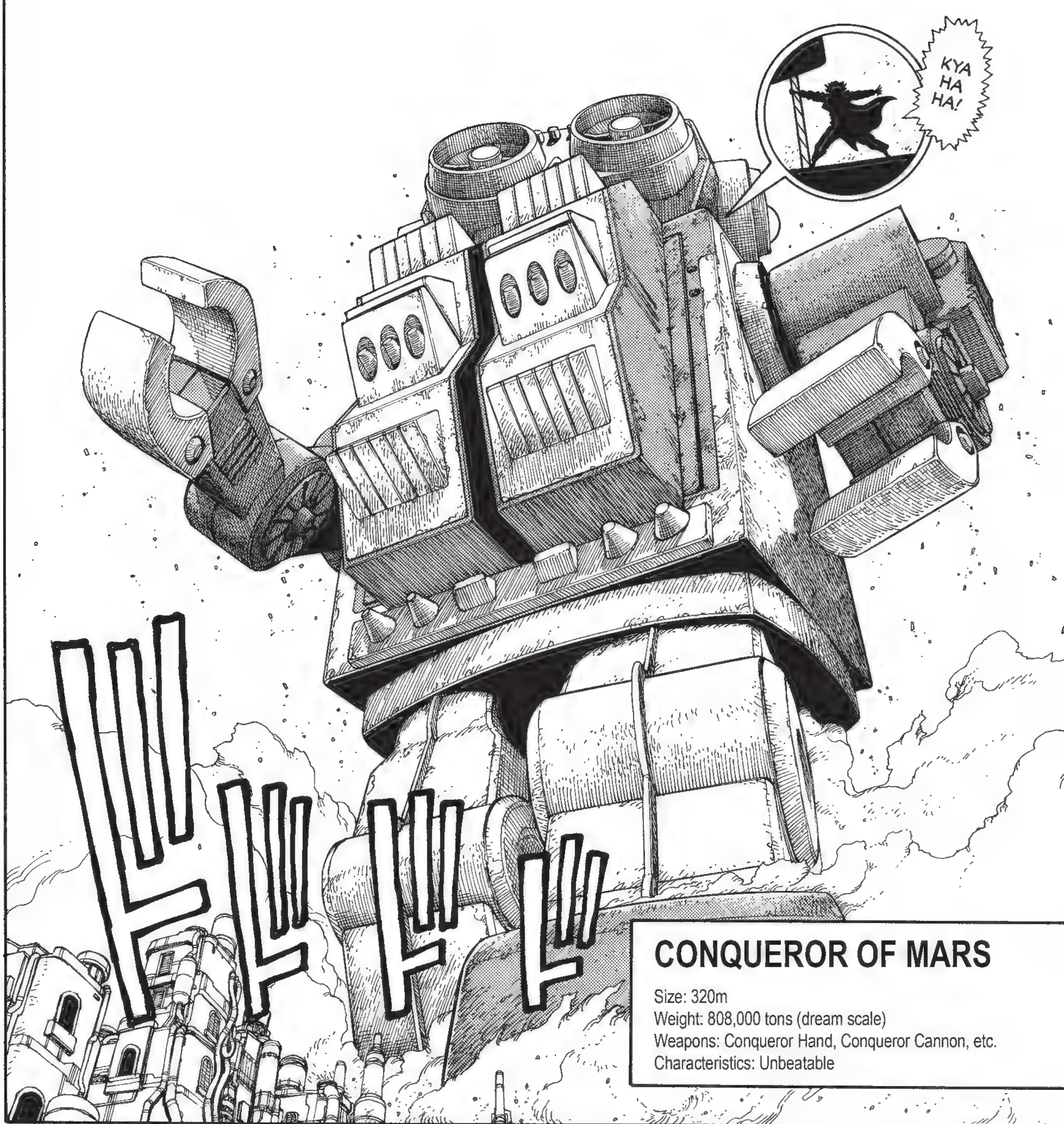


...THAT THIS
MOMENT
COULD LAST
FOREVER...









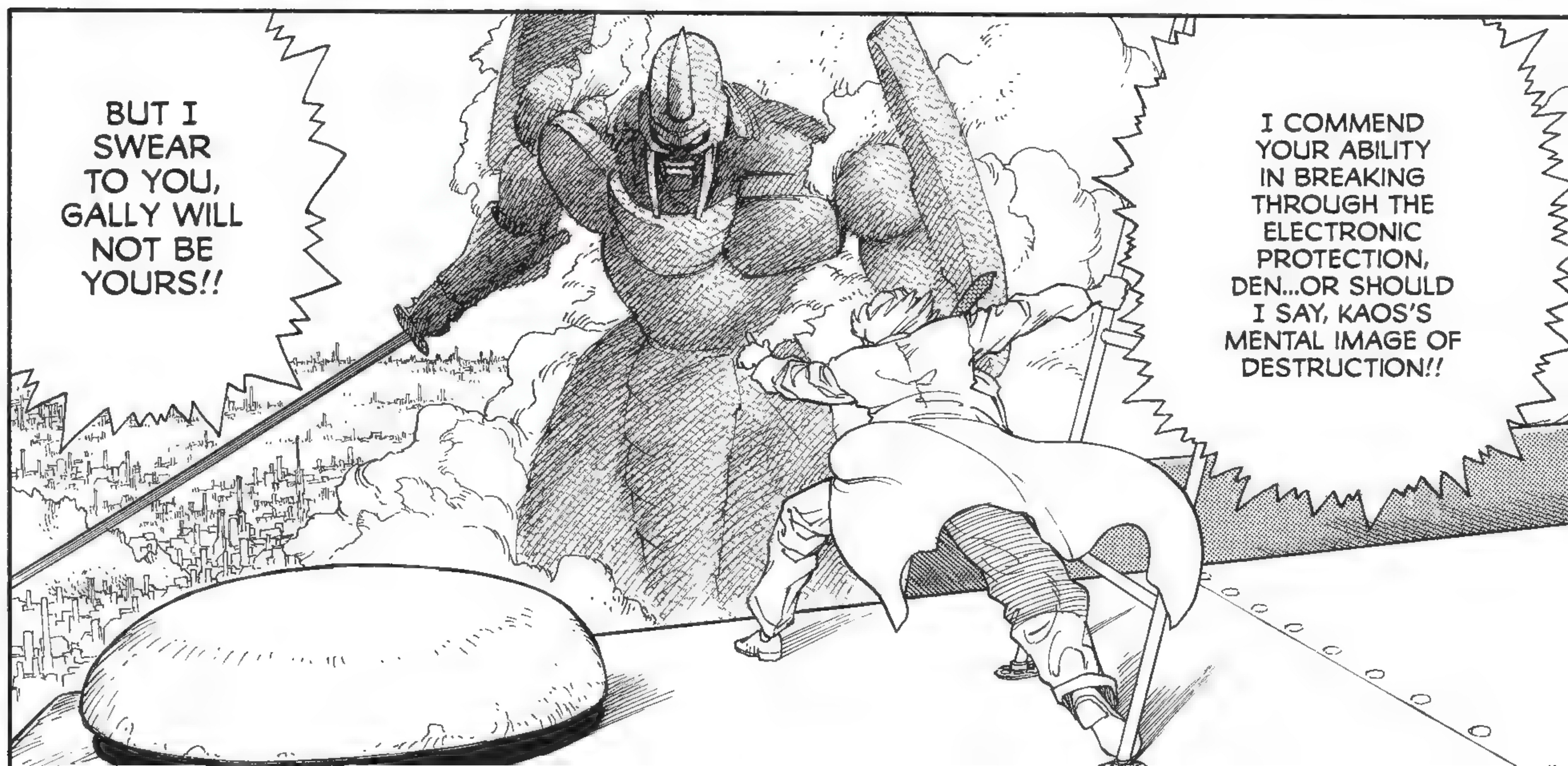
CONQUEROR OF MARS

Size: 320m

Weight: 808,000 tons (dream scale)

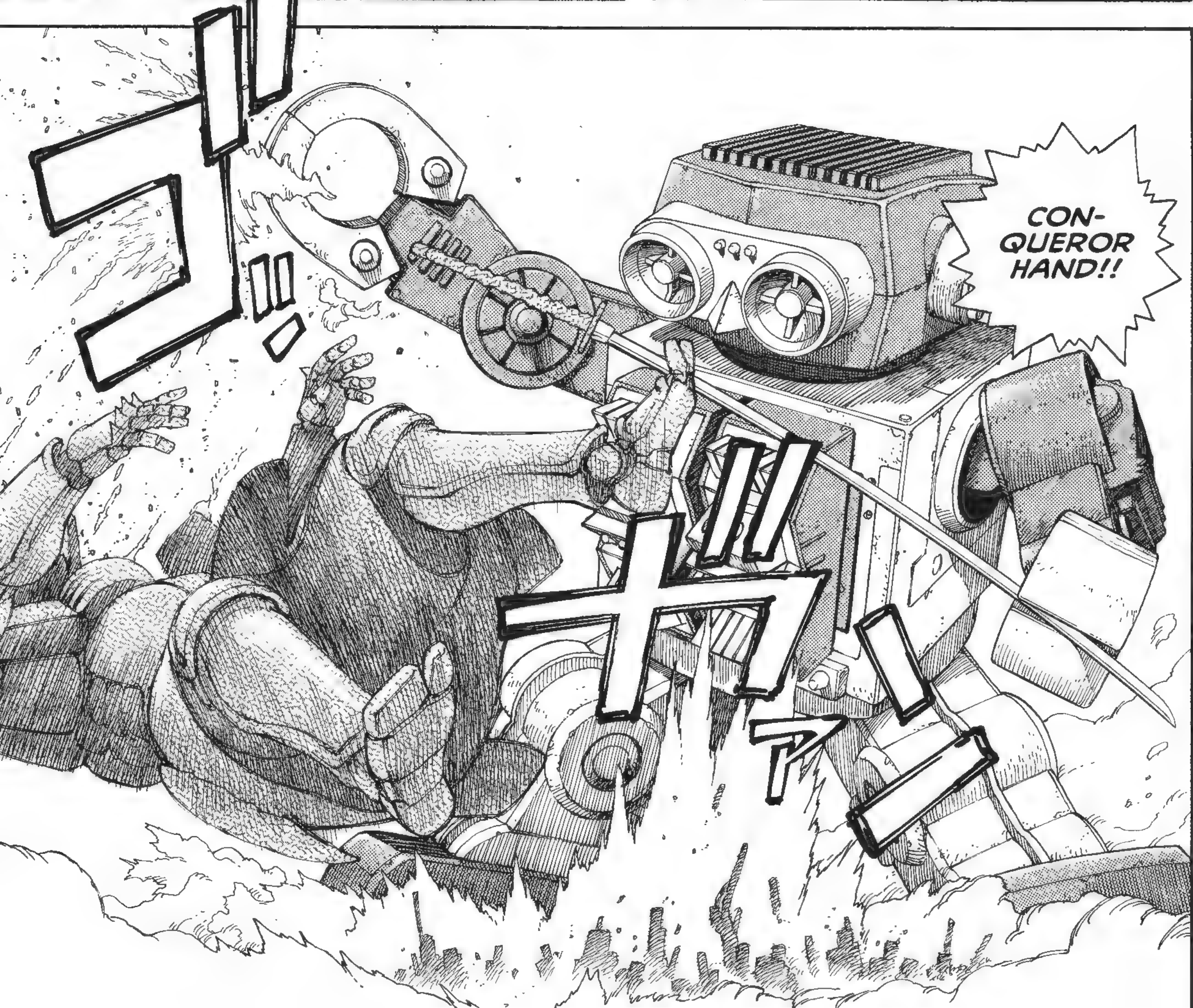
Weapons: Conqueror Hand, Conqueror Cannon, etc.

Characteristics: Unbeatable



BUT I
SWEAR
TO YOU,
GALLY WILL
NOT BE
YOURS!!

I COMMEND
YOUR ABILITY
IN BREAKING
THROUGH THE
ELECTRONIC
PROTECTION,
DEN...OR SHOULD
I SAY, KAOS'S
MENTAL IMAGE OF
DESTRUCTION!!



DESTINY
TRIUMPHS
OVER HUMAN
WISDOM IN A
MAD, UNCON-
TROLLABLE
ARC! AS
THOUGH IT
WAS ALWAYS
MEANT TO
BE!!

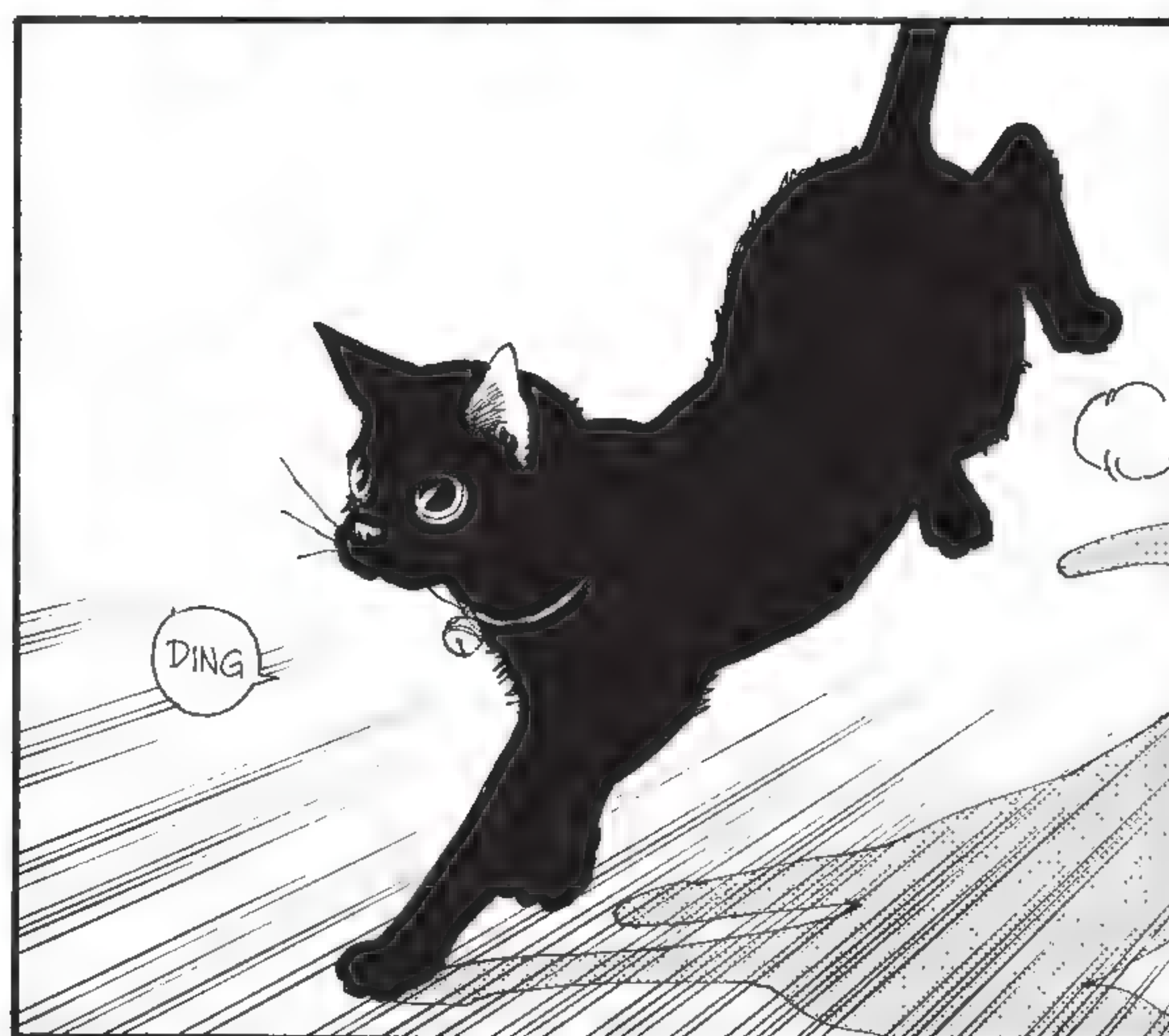
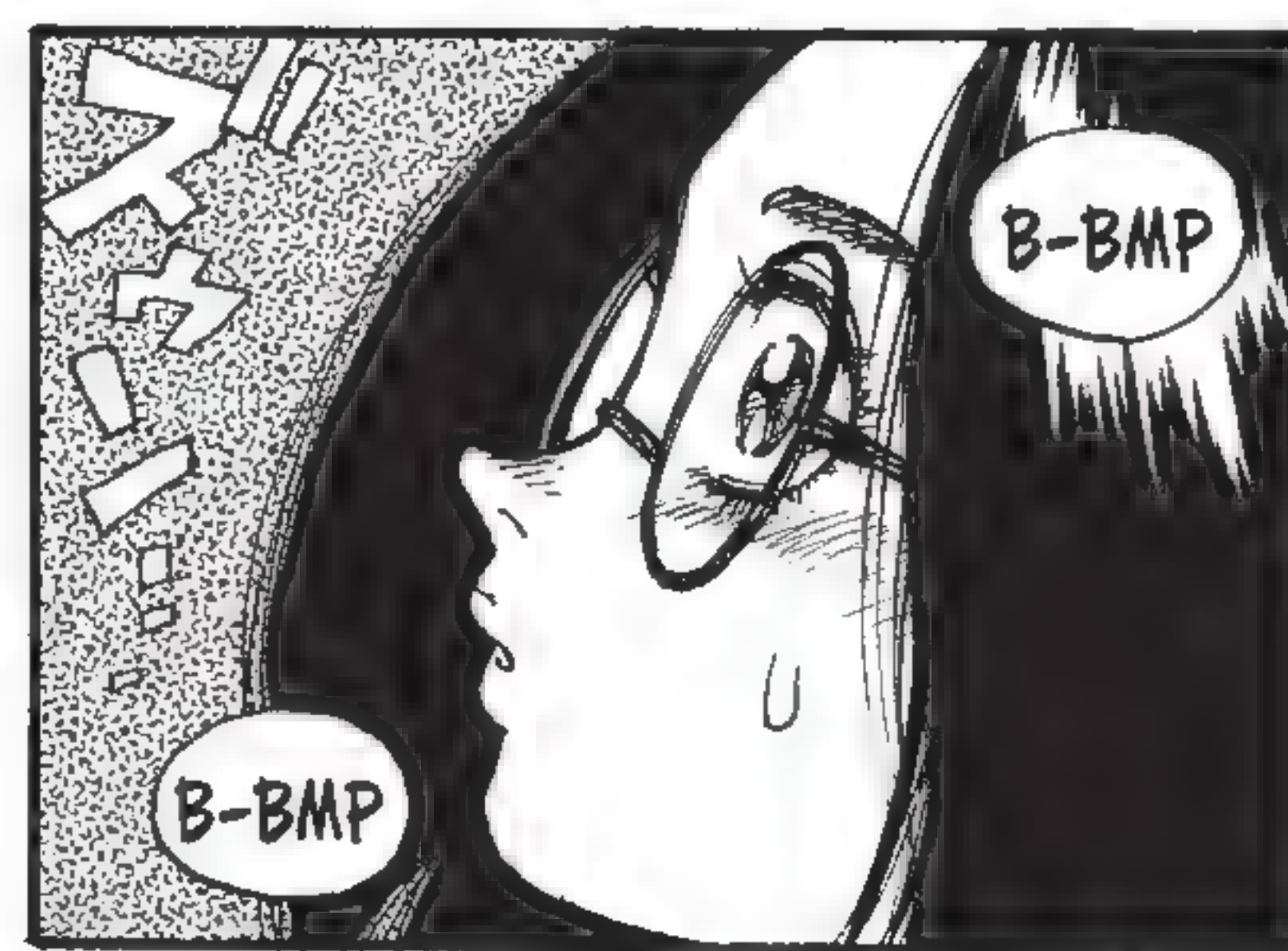
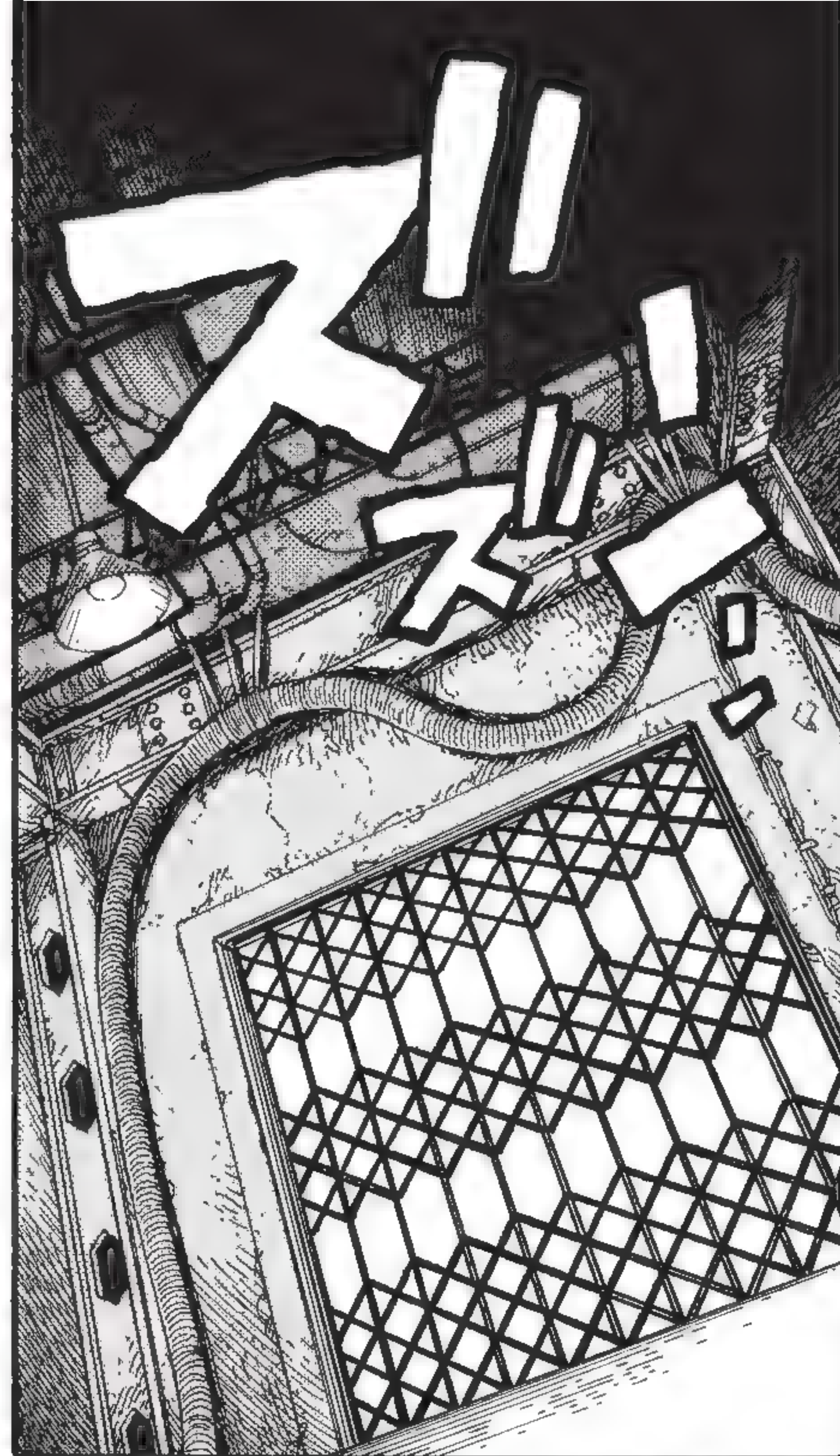
THE
PRESENT
BECOMES
THE PAST IN
THE SPAN OF
AN INSTANT!
EVERY MAN
WILL ONE
DAY DIE!

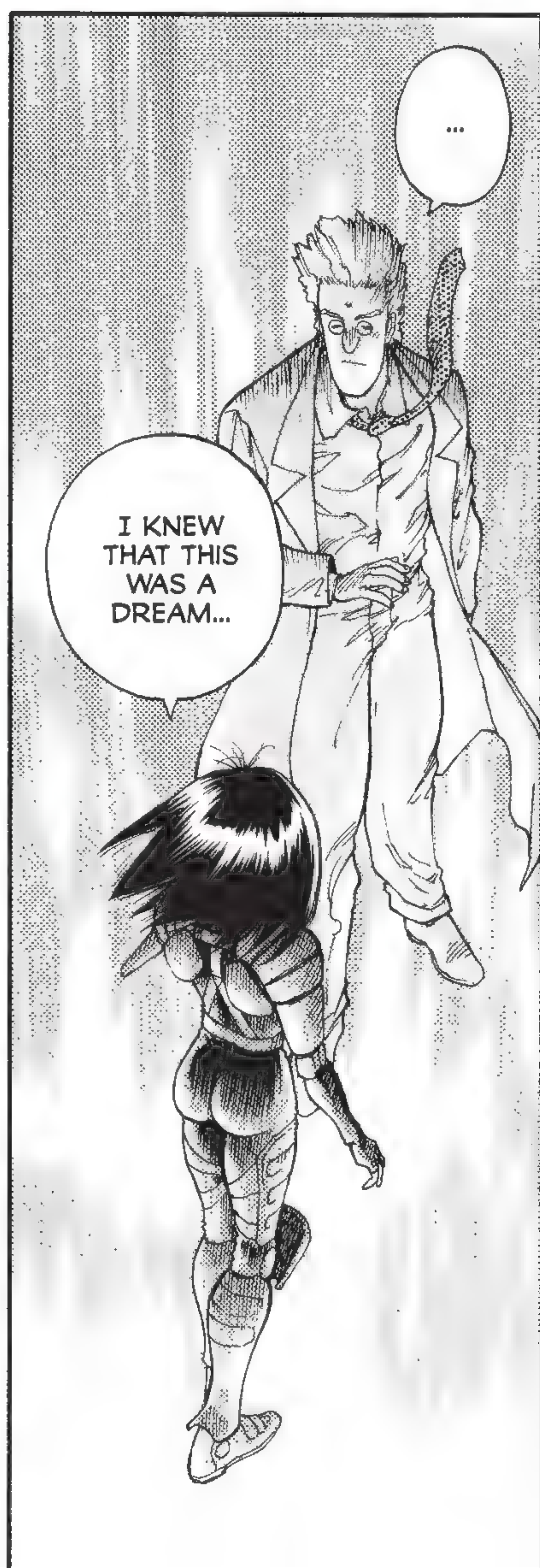
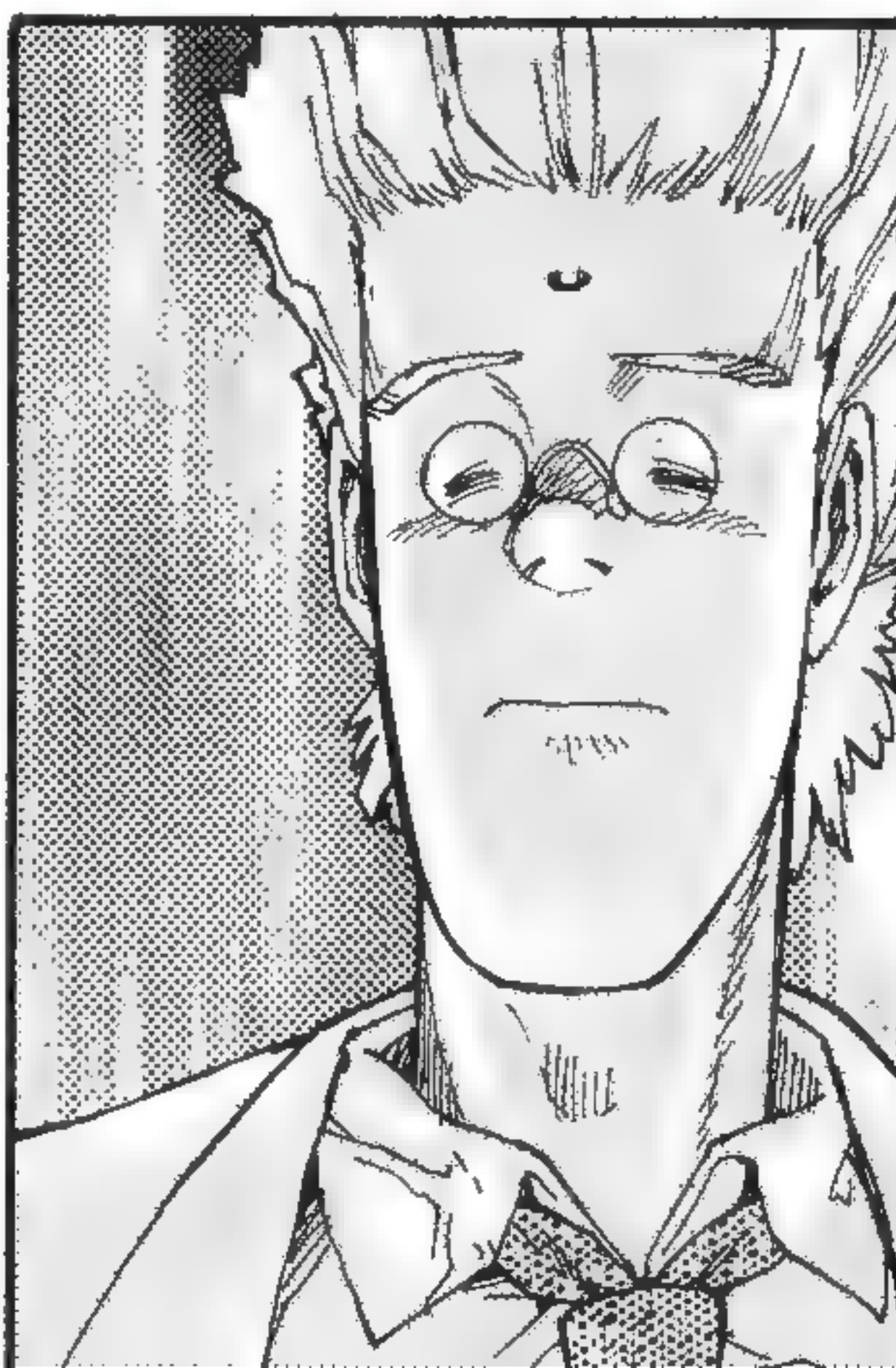
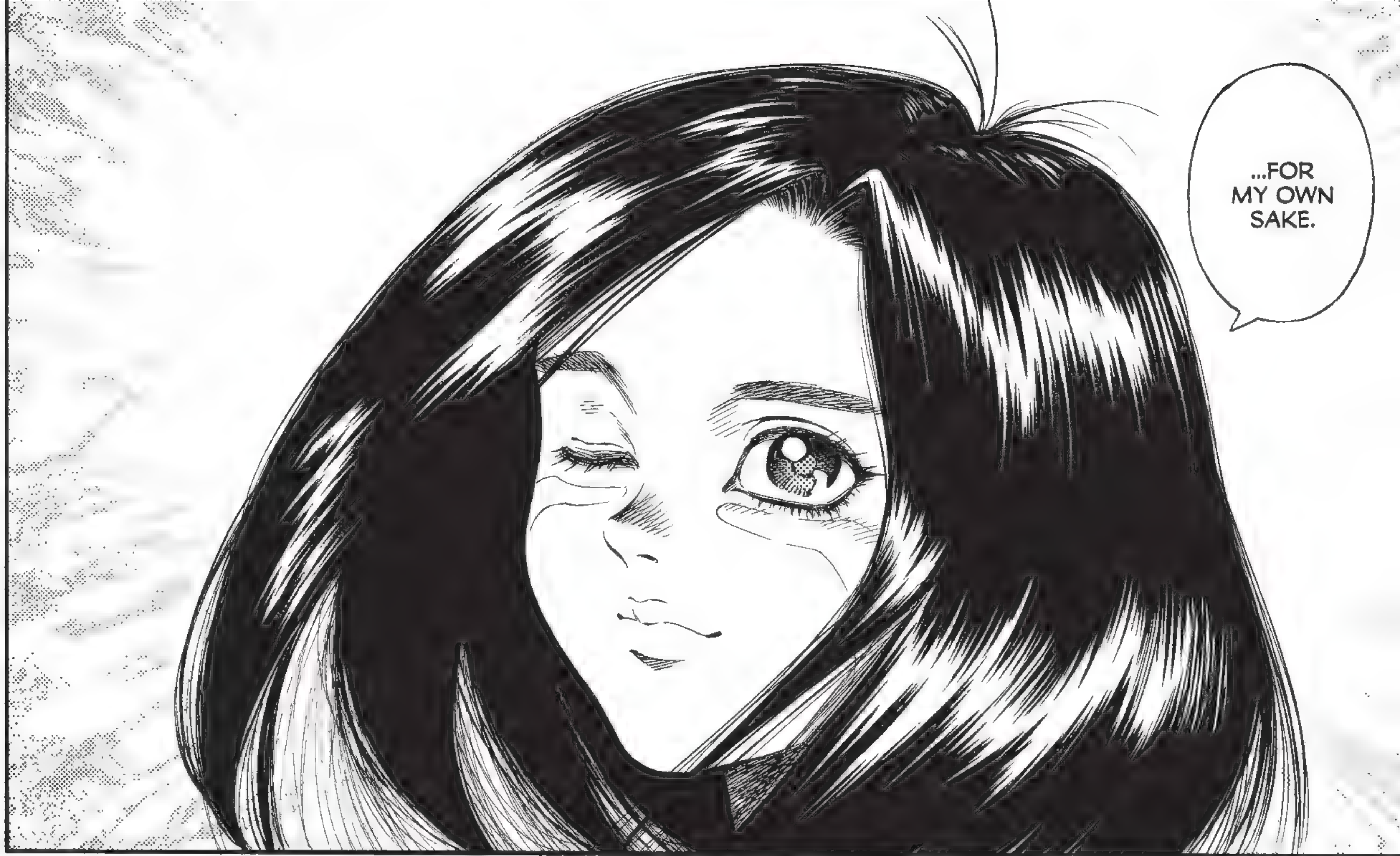
CON-
QUEROR
CANNON!!

I
CURSE
THE
SECOND
LAW OF
THERMO-
DYNAMICS*!!

TO
THE LAST,
I CURSE
EVERYTHING
ABOUT THIS
UNIVERSE!

***Second law of thermodynamics:** The law of increasing entropy—for example, a cup of hot tea will cool off without any further energy expended, but the reverse cannot be true. Taken to its ultimate conclusion, this states that the universe itself will eventually reach “heat death,” in which everything is cold, with no planets or concept of time.







WH-WHAT
NON-
SENSE IS
THIS?!



ALITA...!

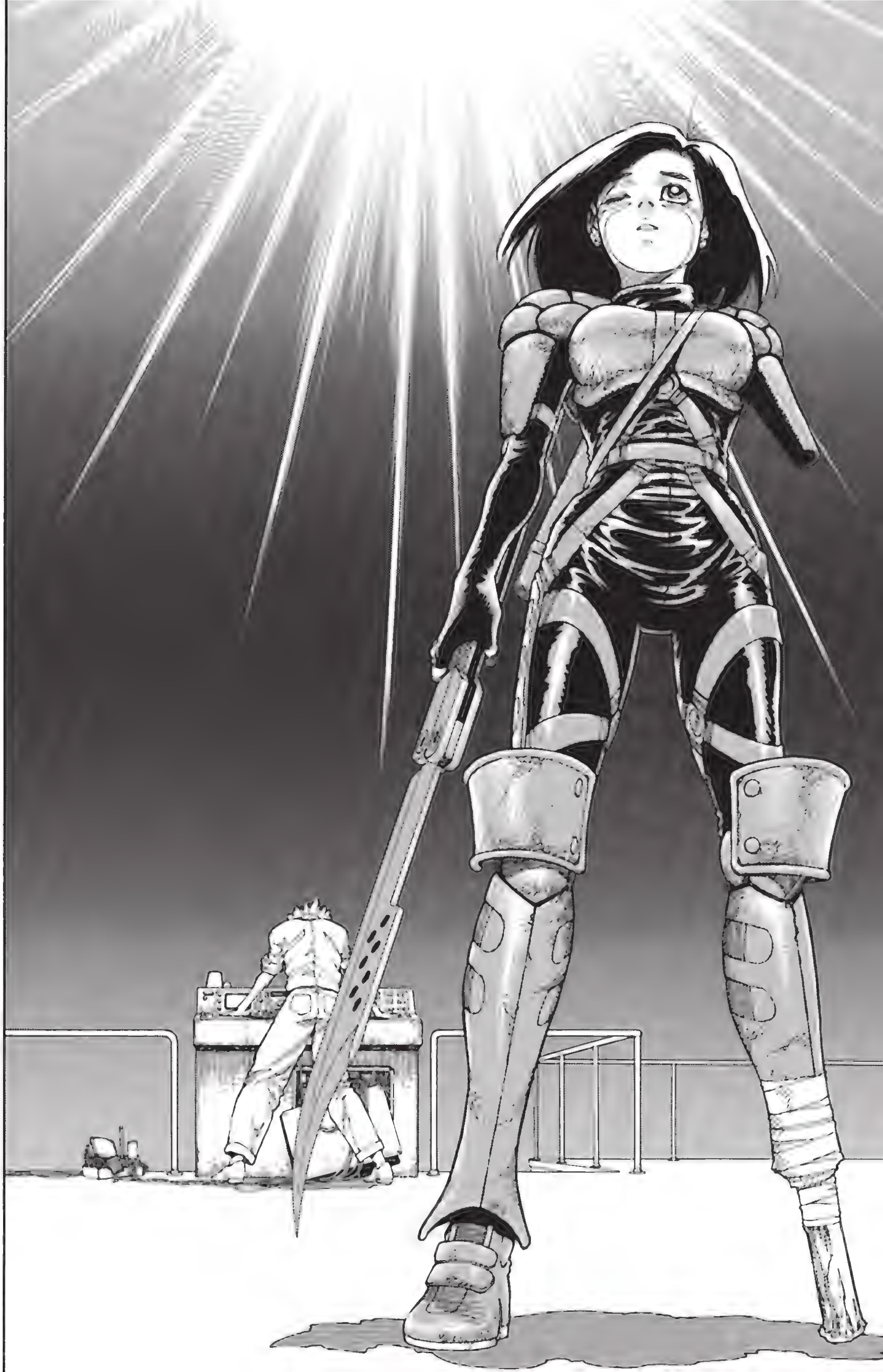


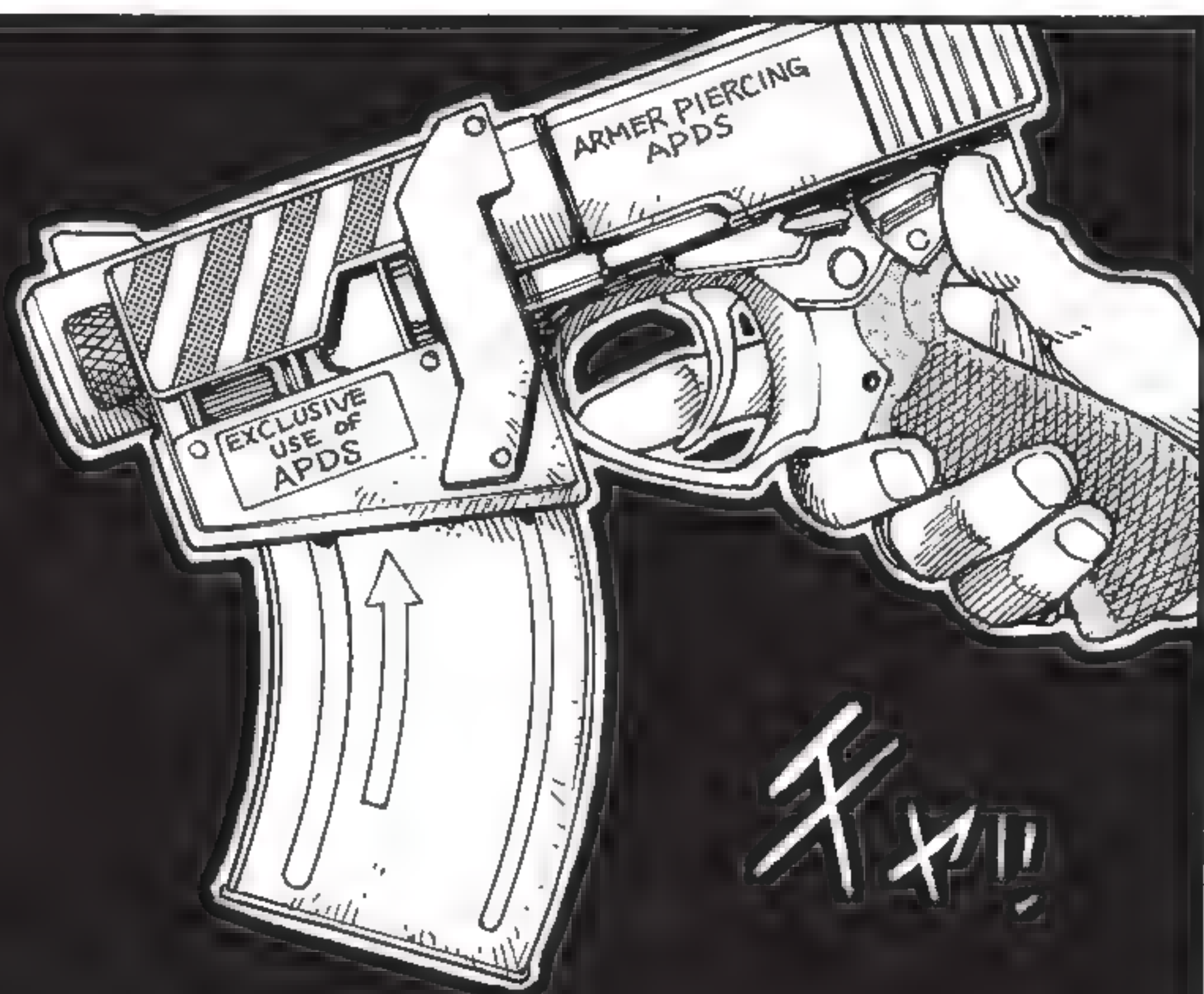
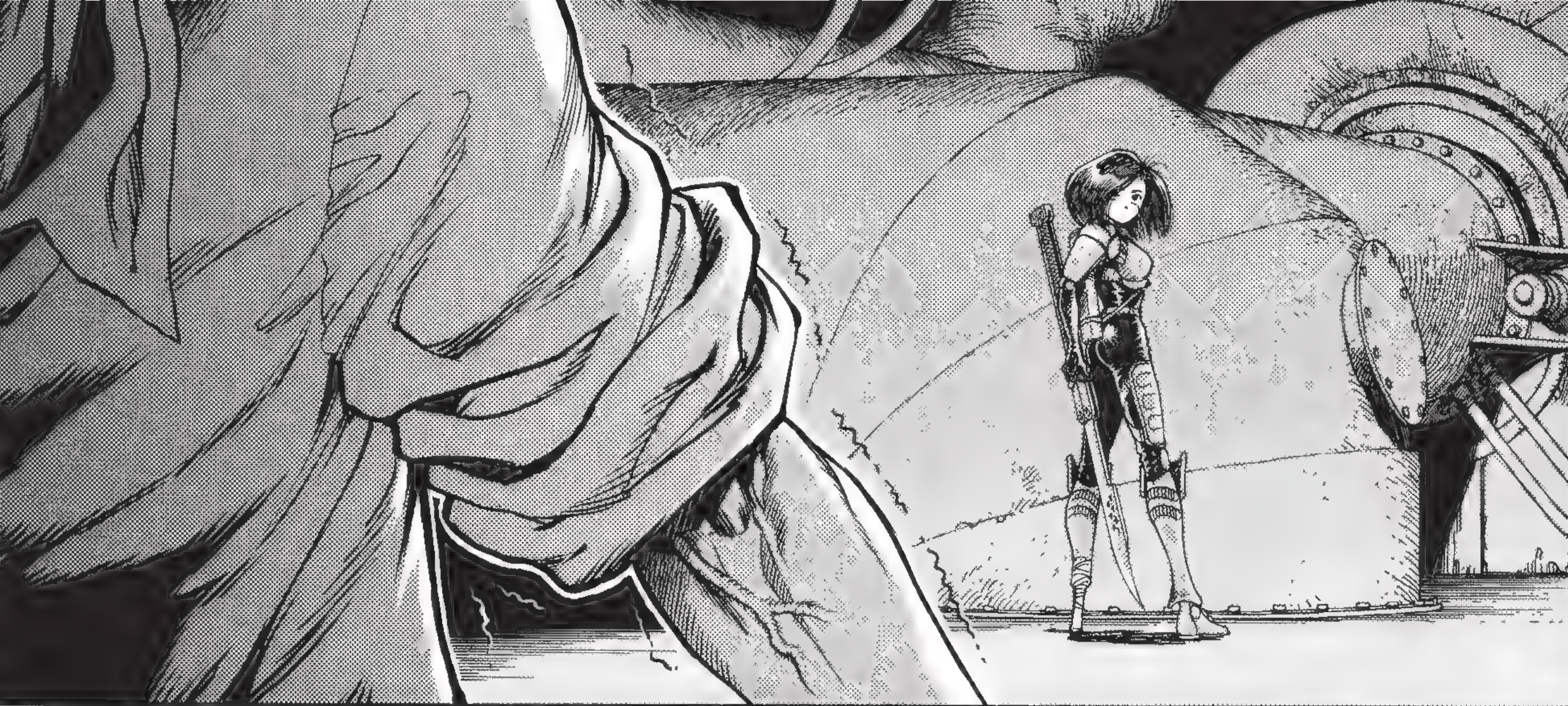
DON'T
DESTROY
MY
DREAM!
PLEASE!!



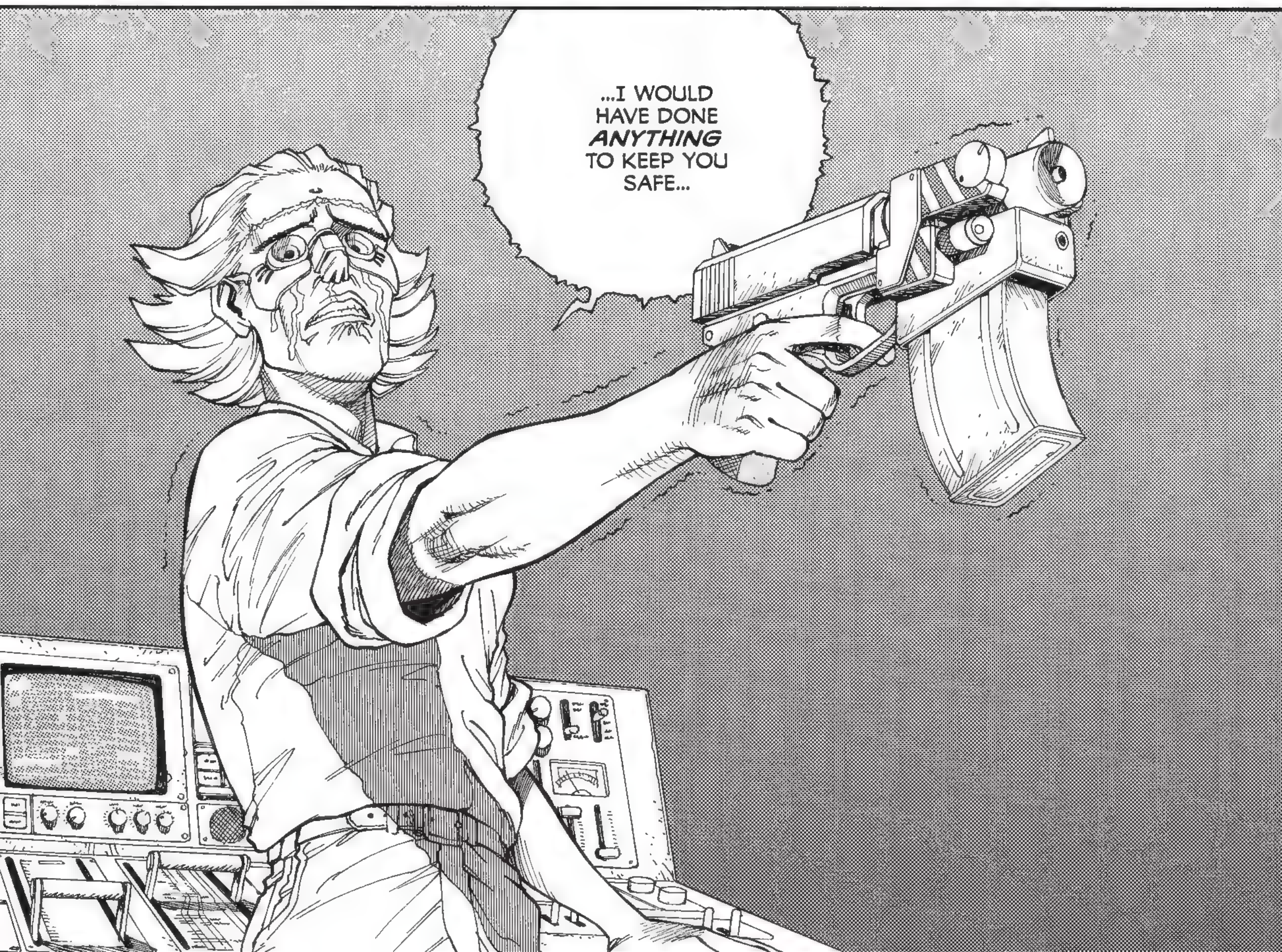
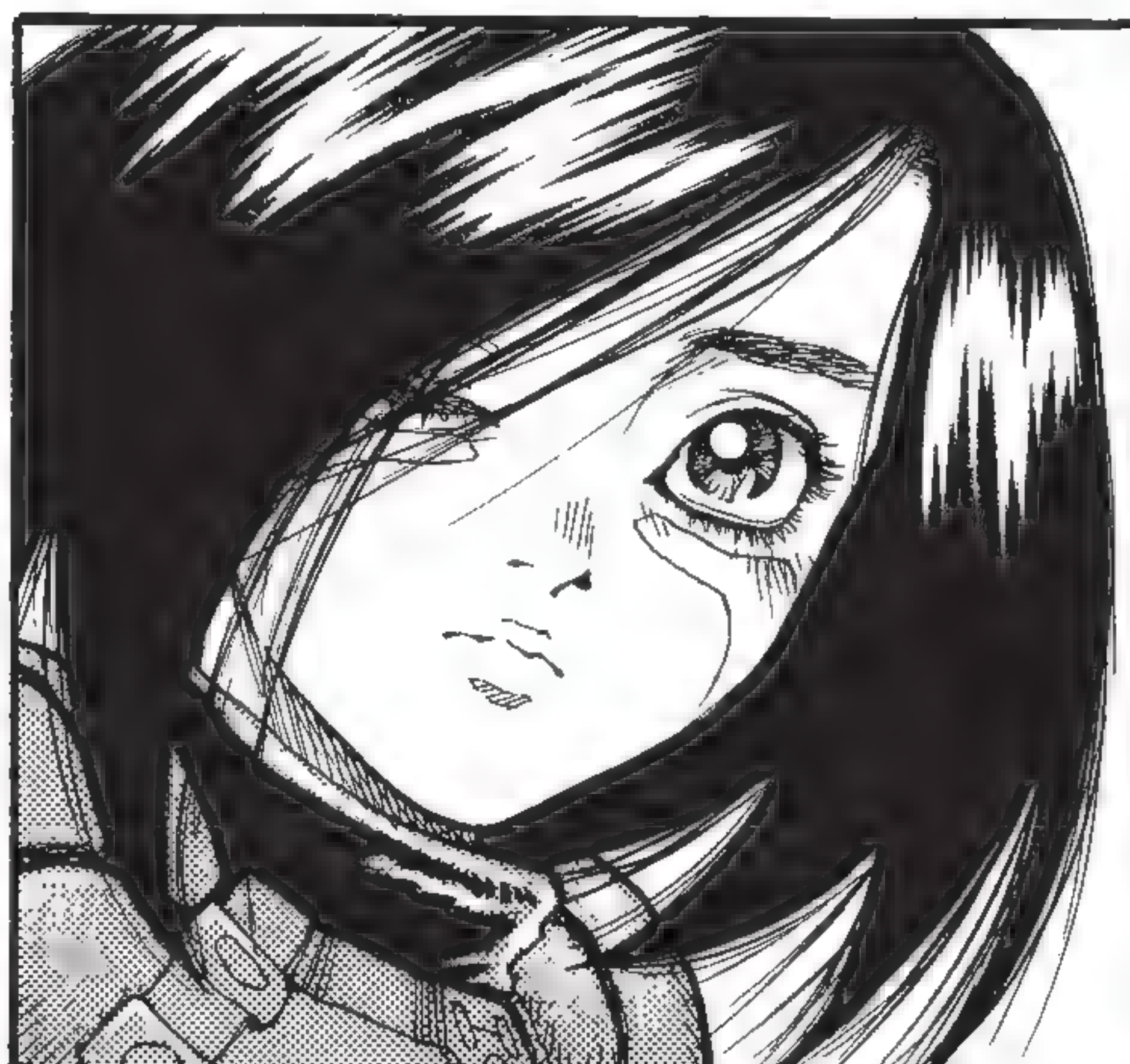
THIS
IS *MY*
DREAM!



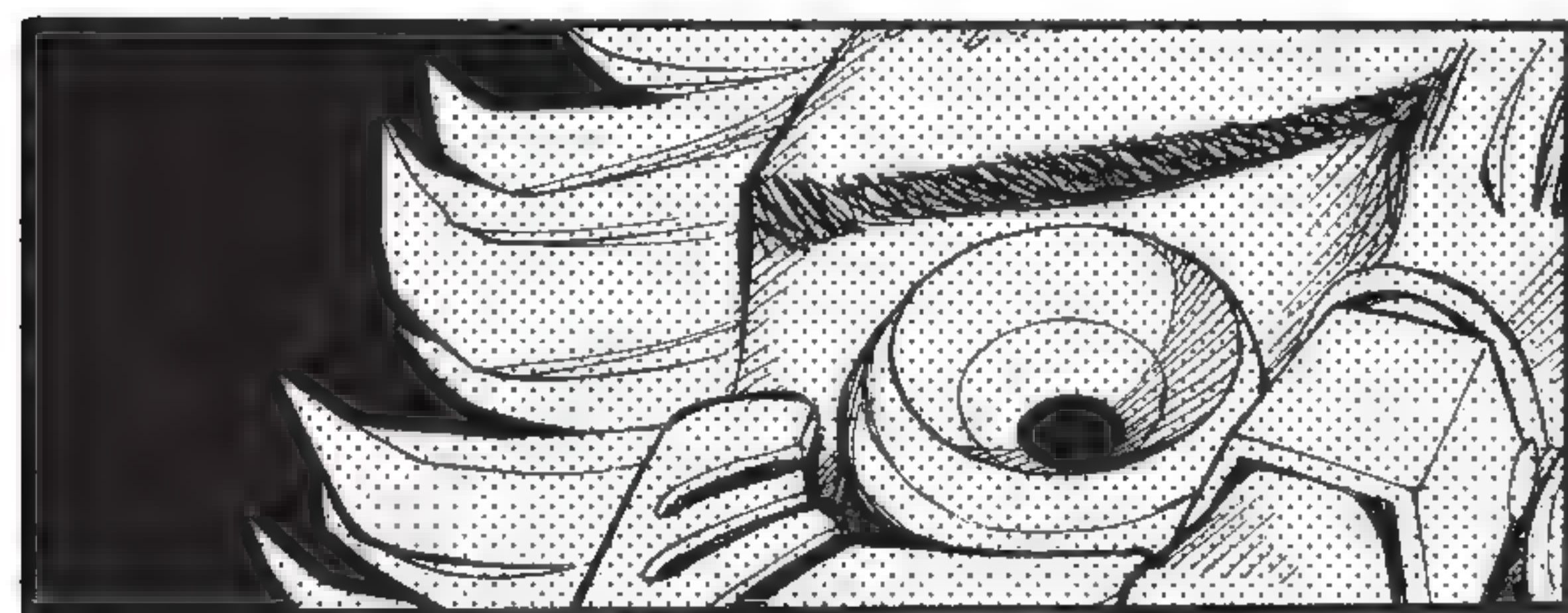
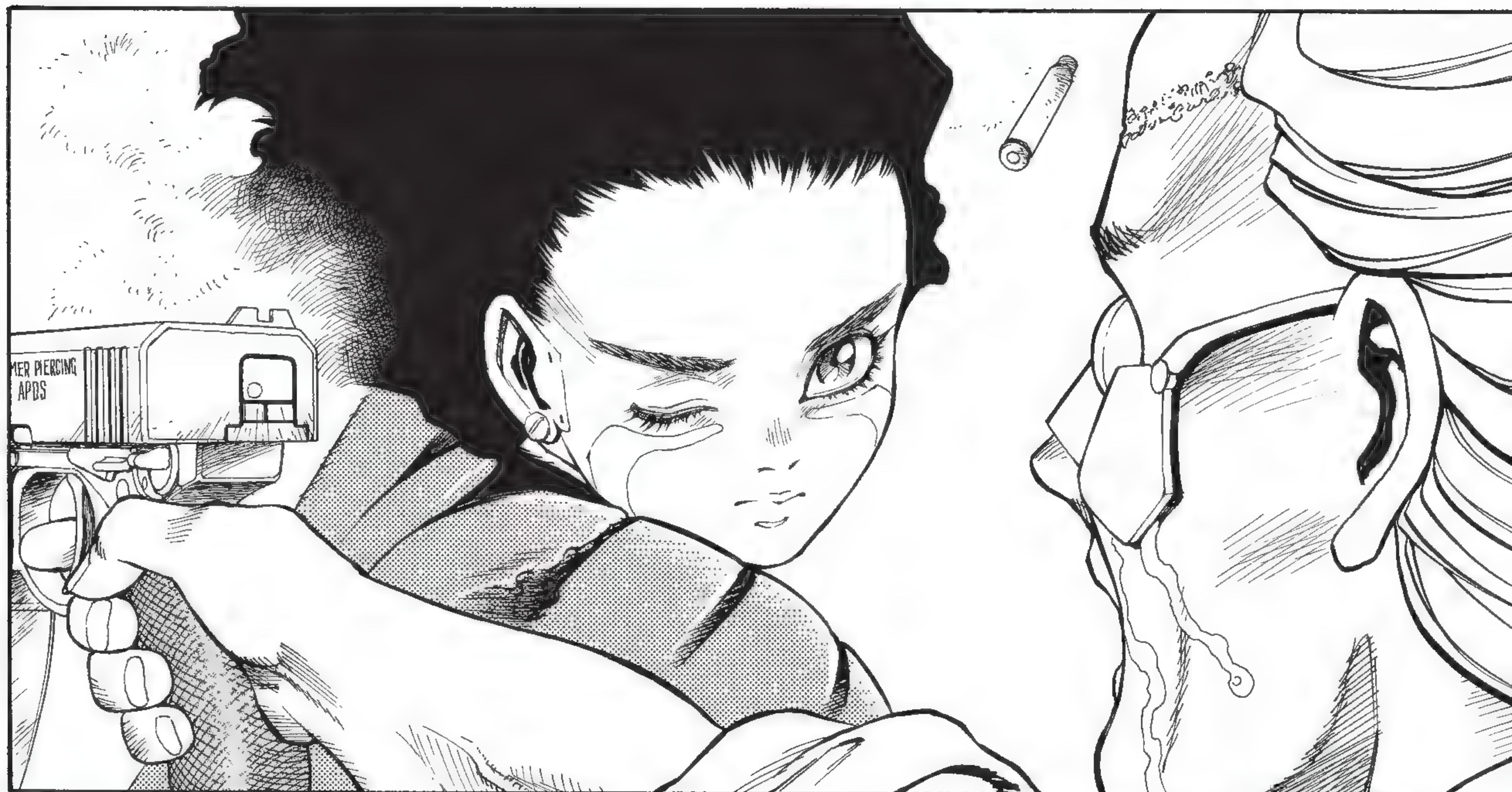
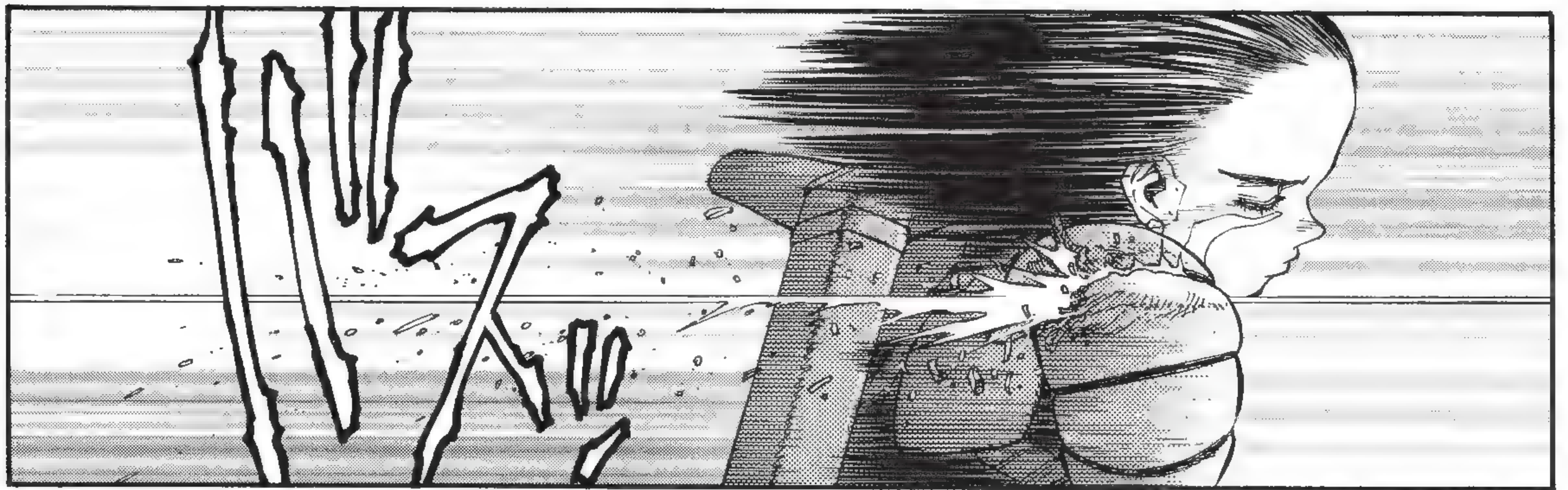
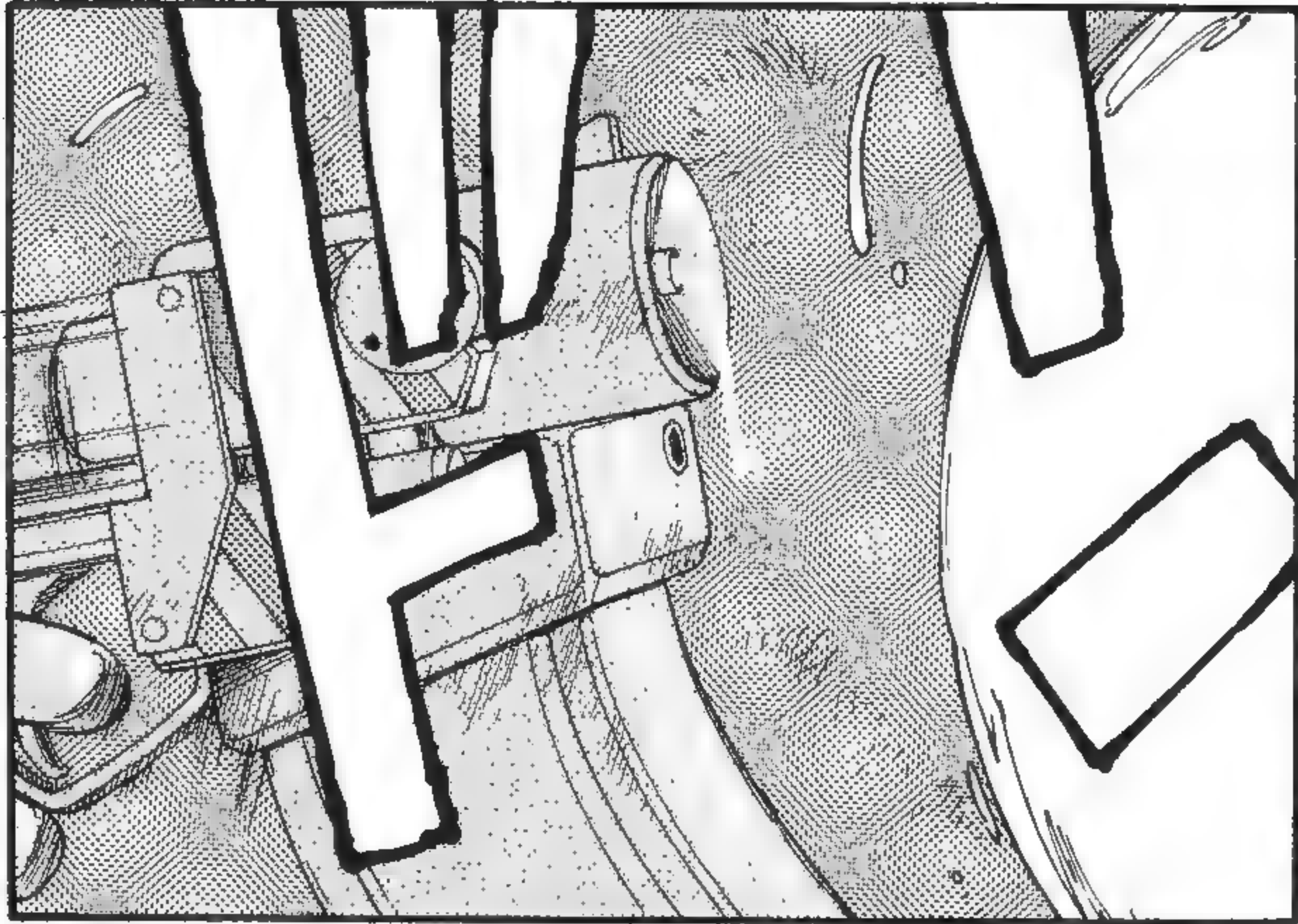


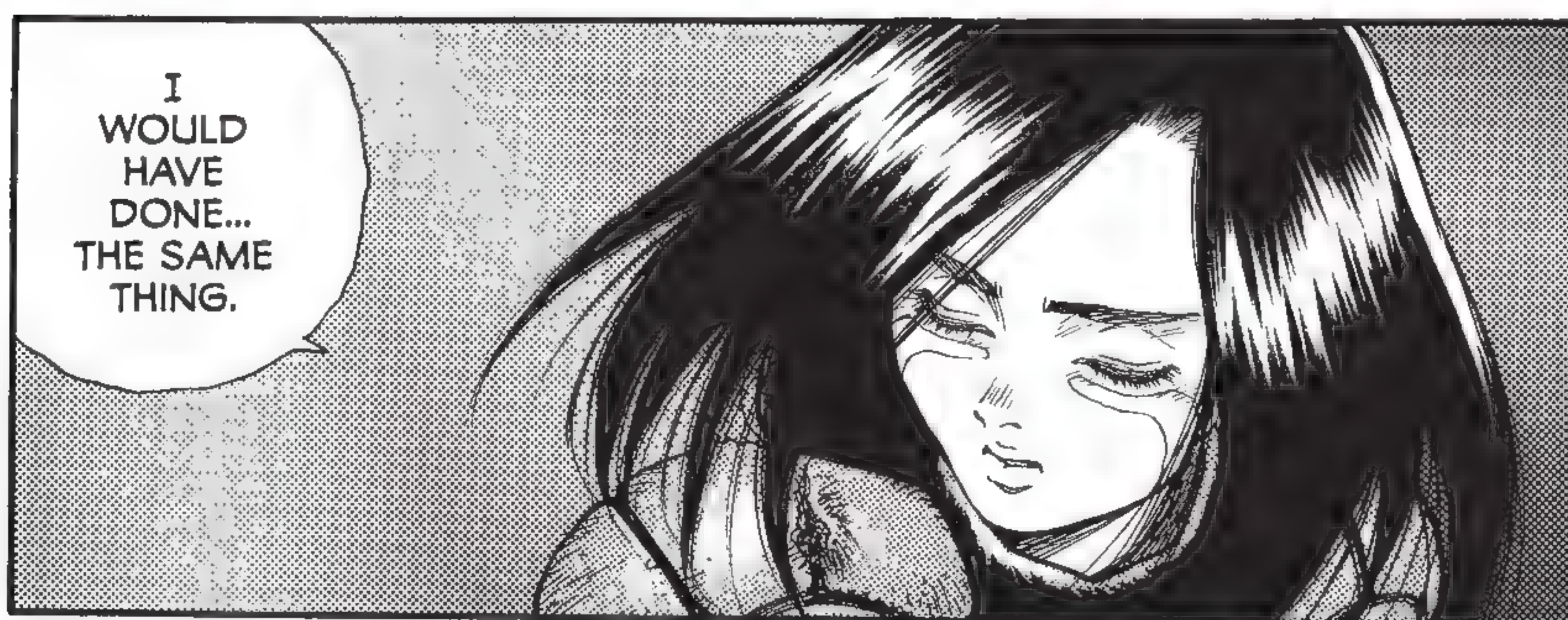
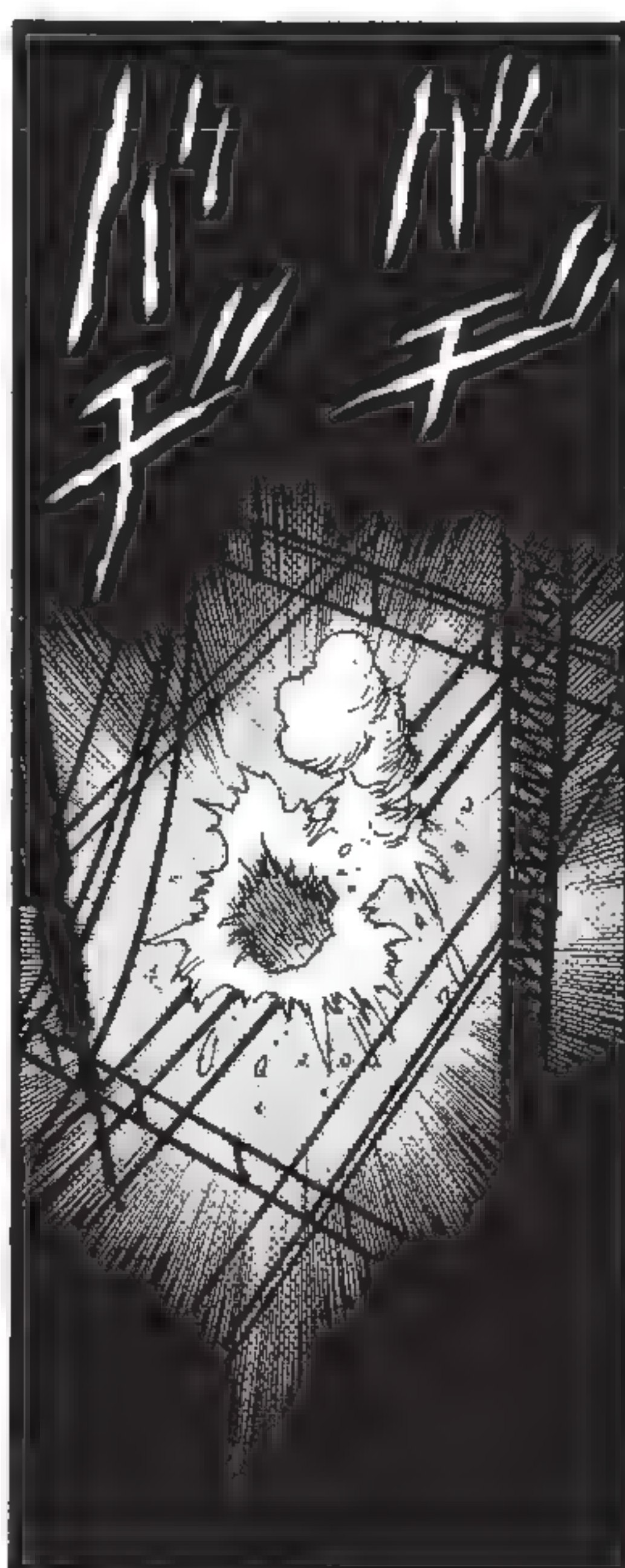
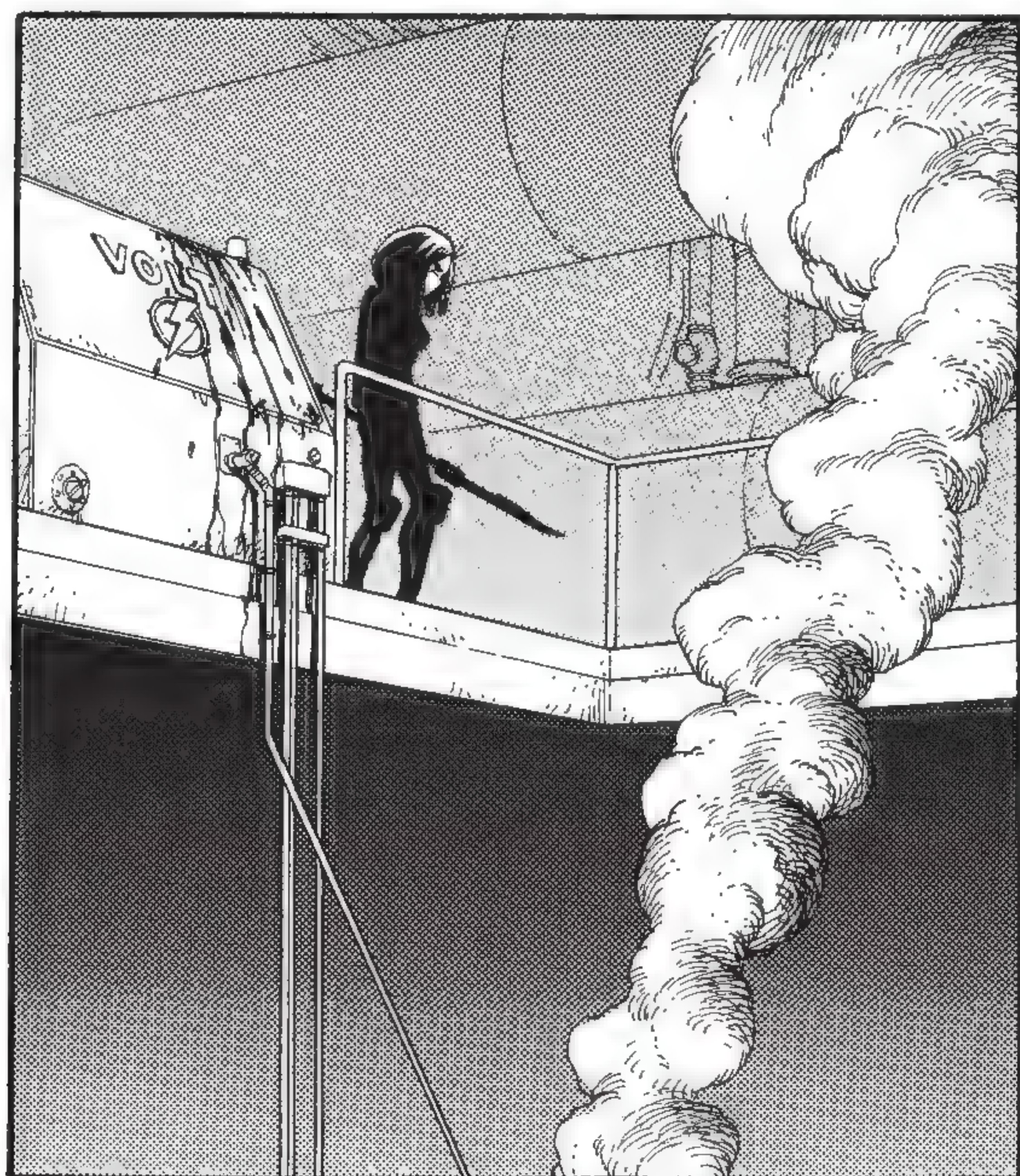


IF ONLY
THIS WERE
STILL MY
DREAM...



...I WOULD
HAVE DONE
ANYTHING
TO KEEP YOU
SAFE...

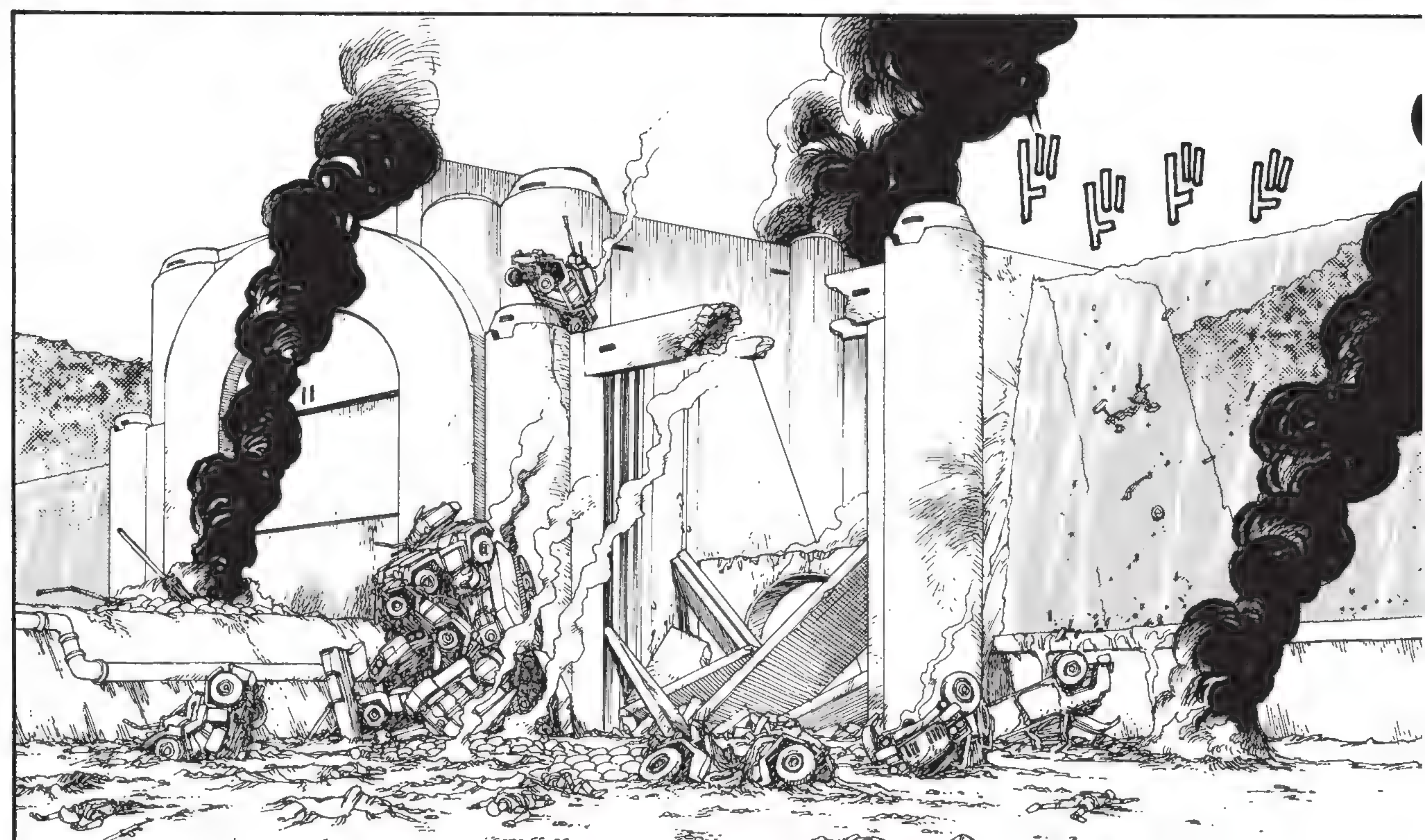
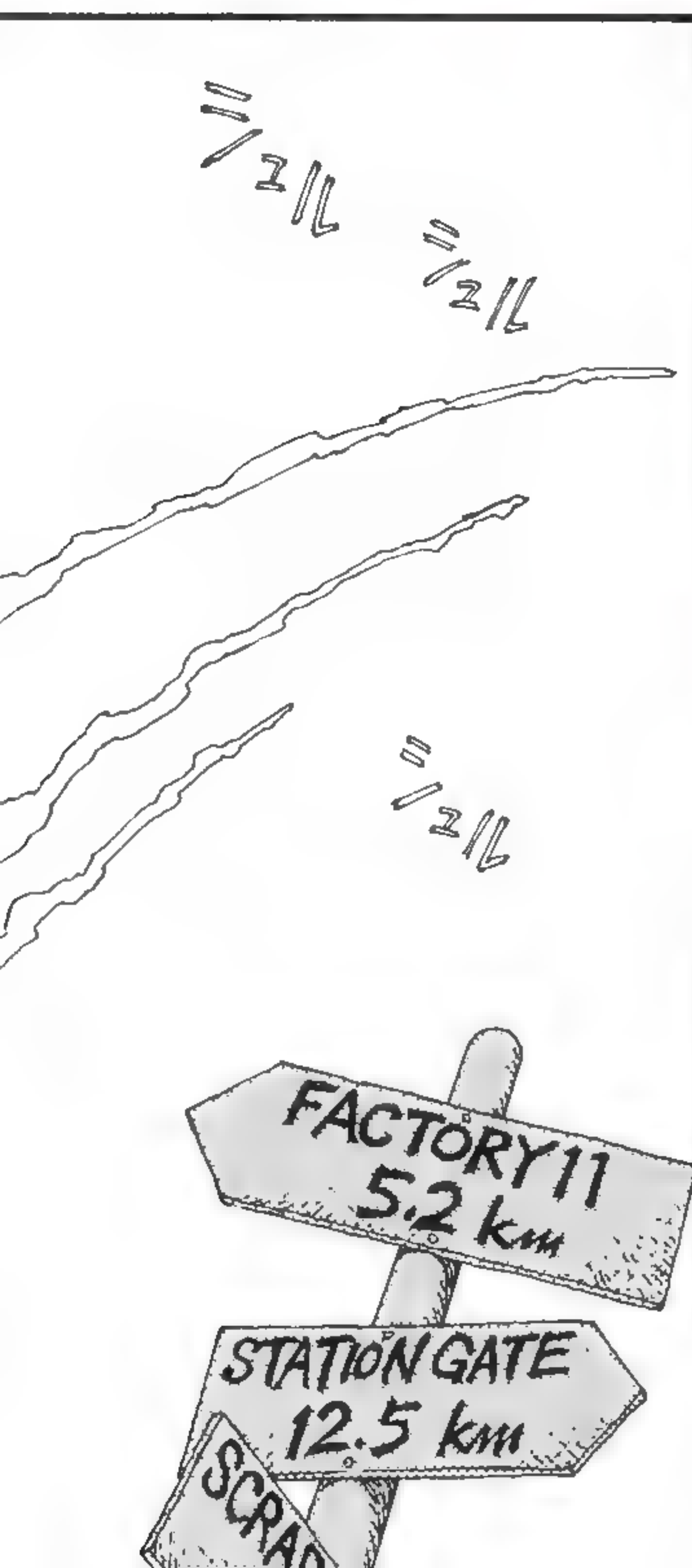
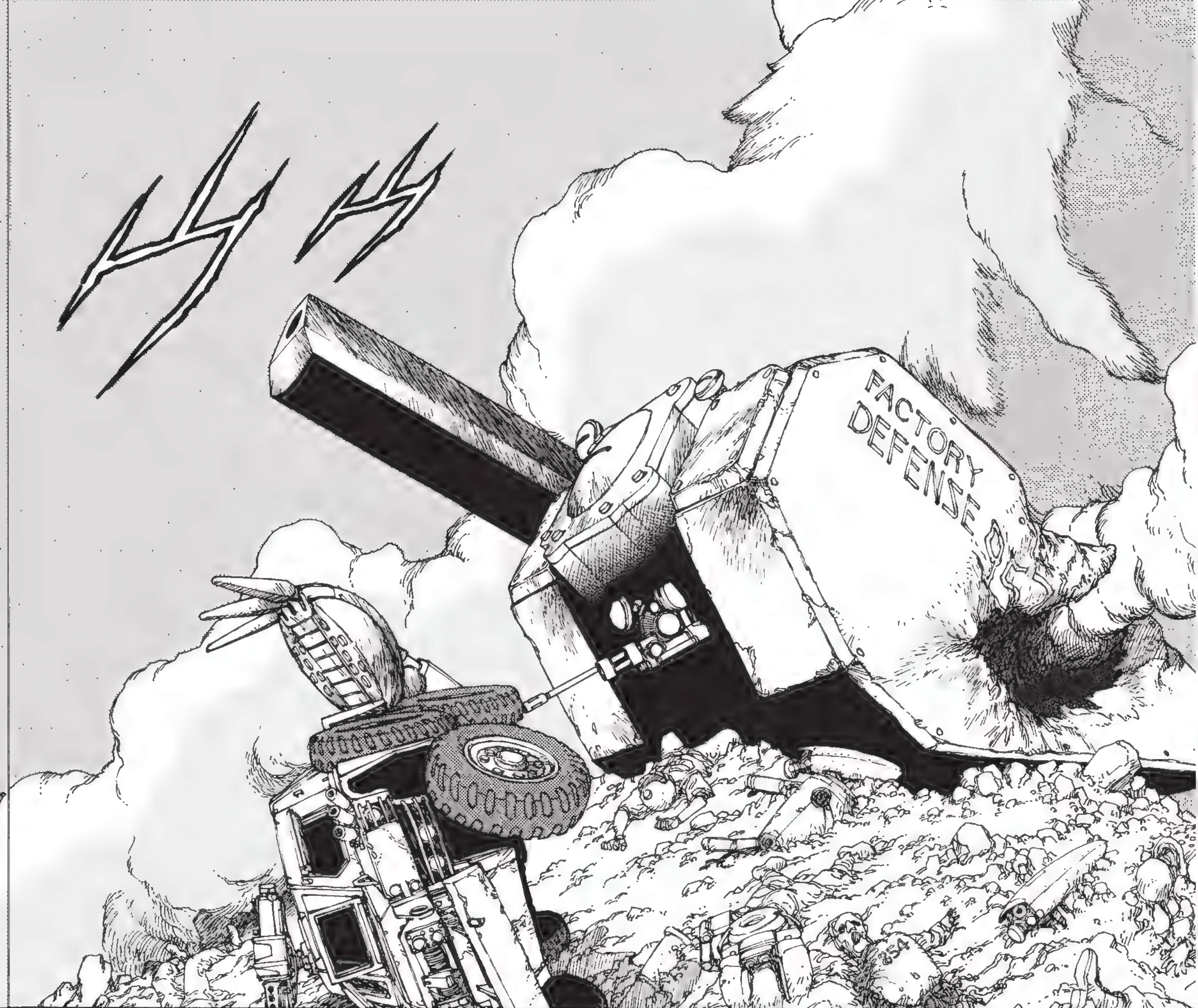
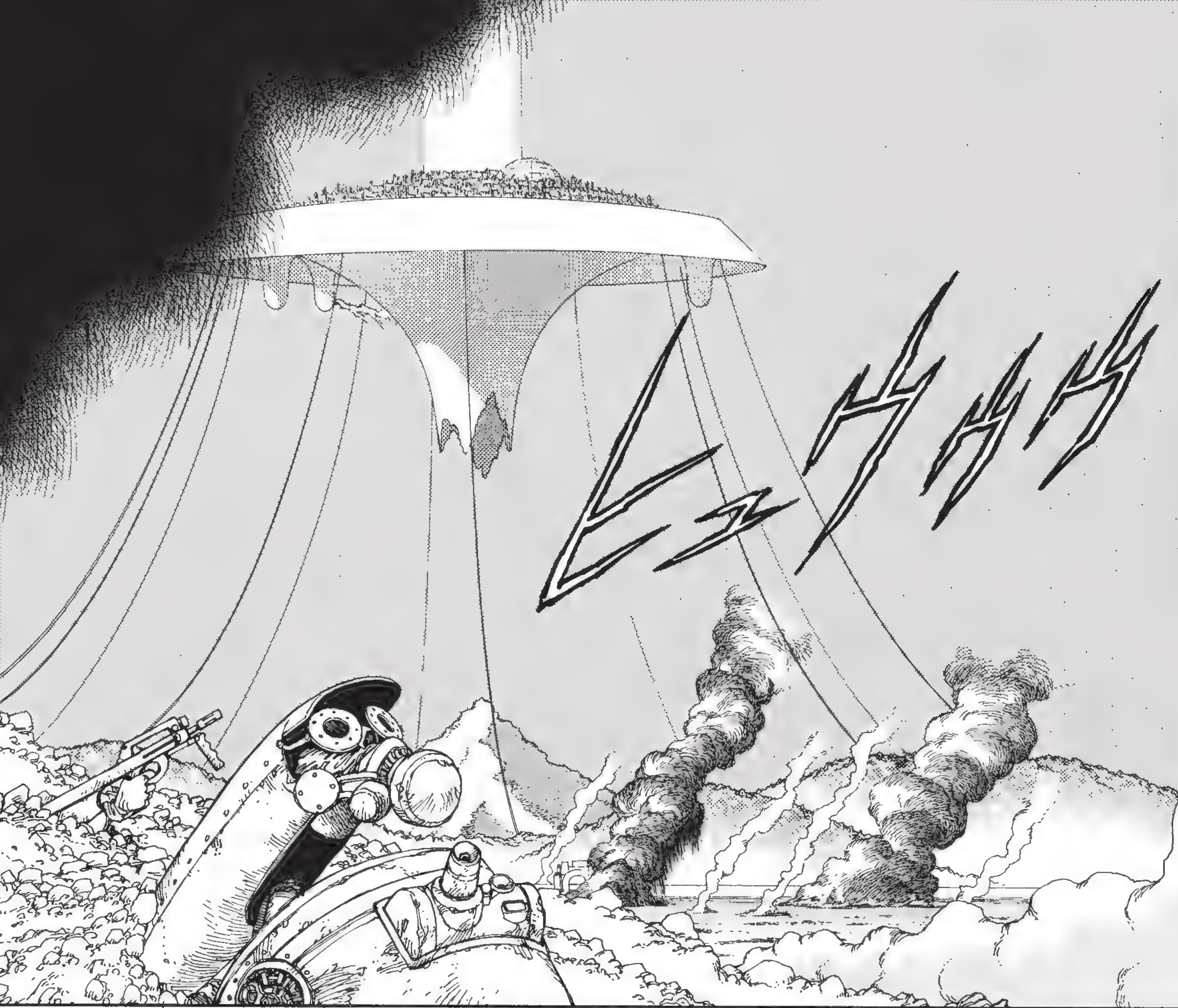






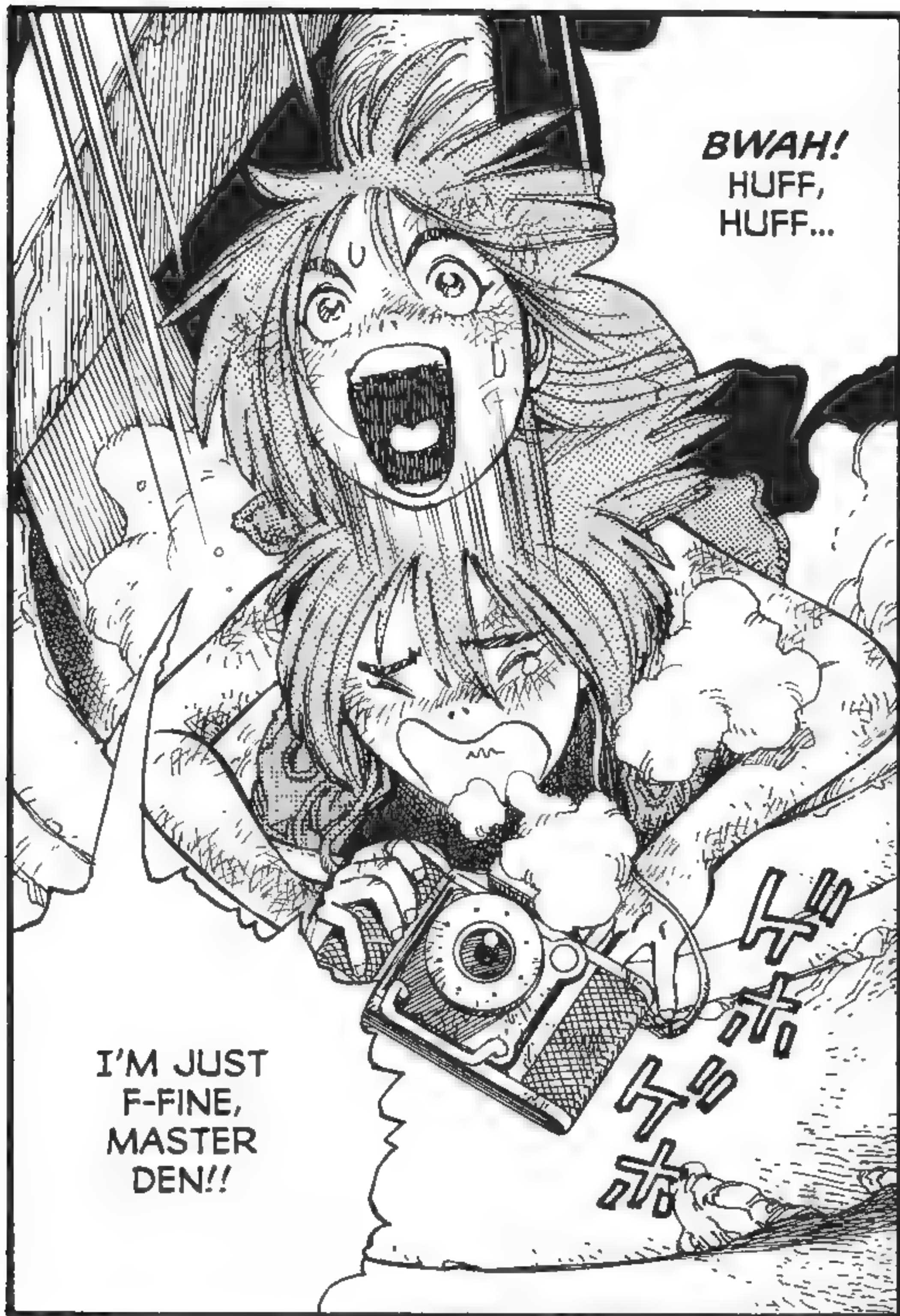
FIGHT_050 Last Blade





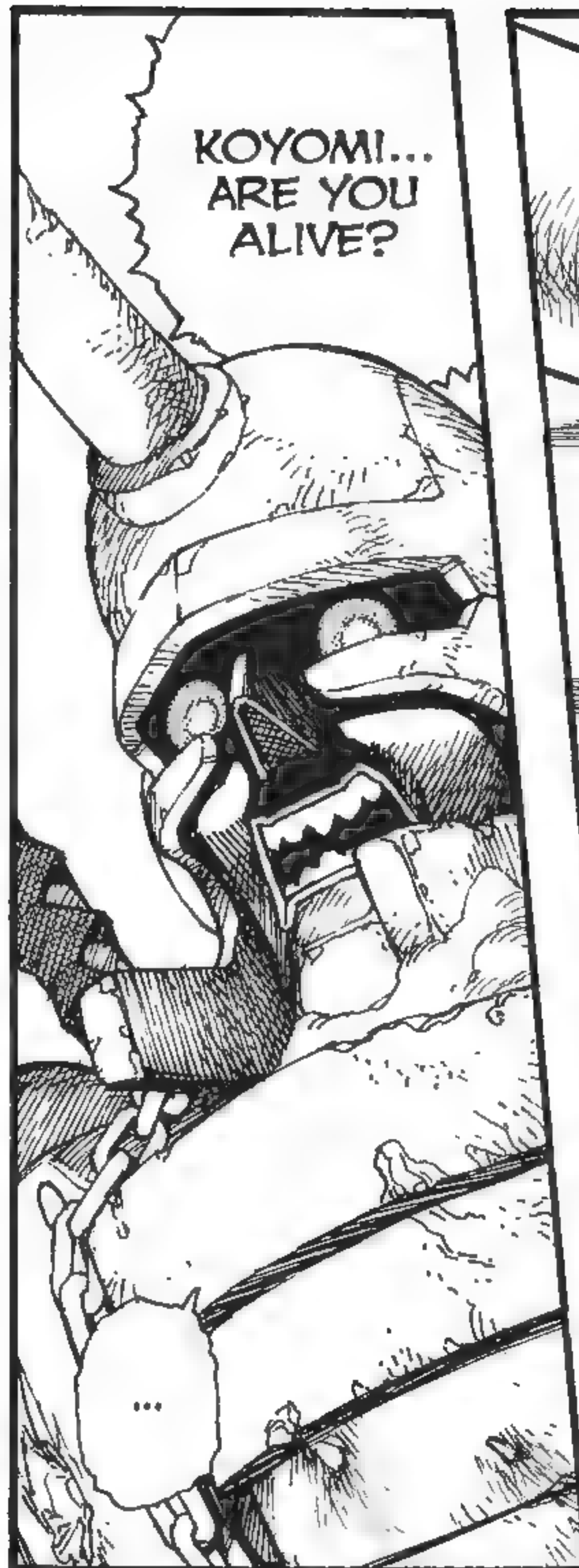






BWAH!
HUFF,
HUFF...

I'M JUST
F-FINE,
MASTER
DEN!!



KOYOMI...
ARE YOU
ALIVE?



ALL I SEE
ARE THE
CHICKENS...
WHY HAS
MOTHER DUCK*
CEASED ALL
ACTIVITY?!



HEY, IT'S
YOUR FAULT
FOR NOT
LISTENING
TO REASON!
TRAMPLE 'EM,
BOSS!!

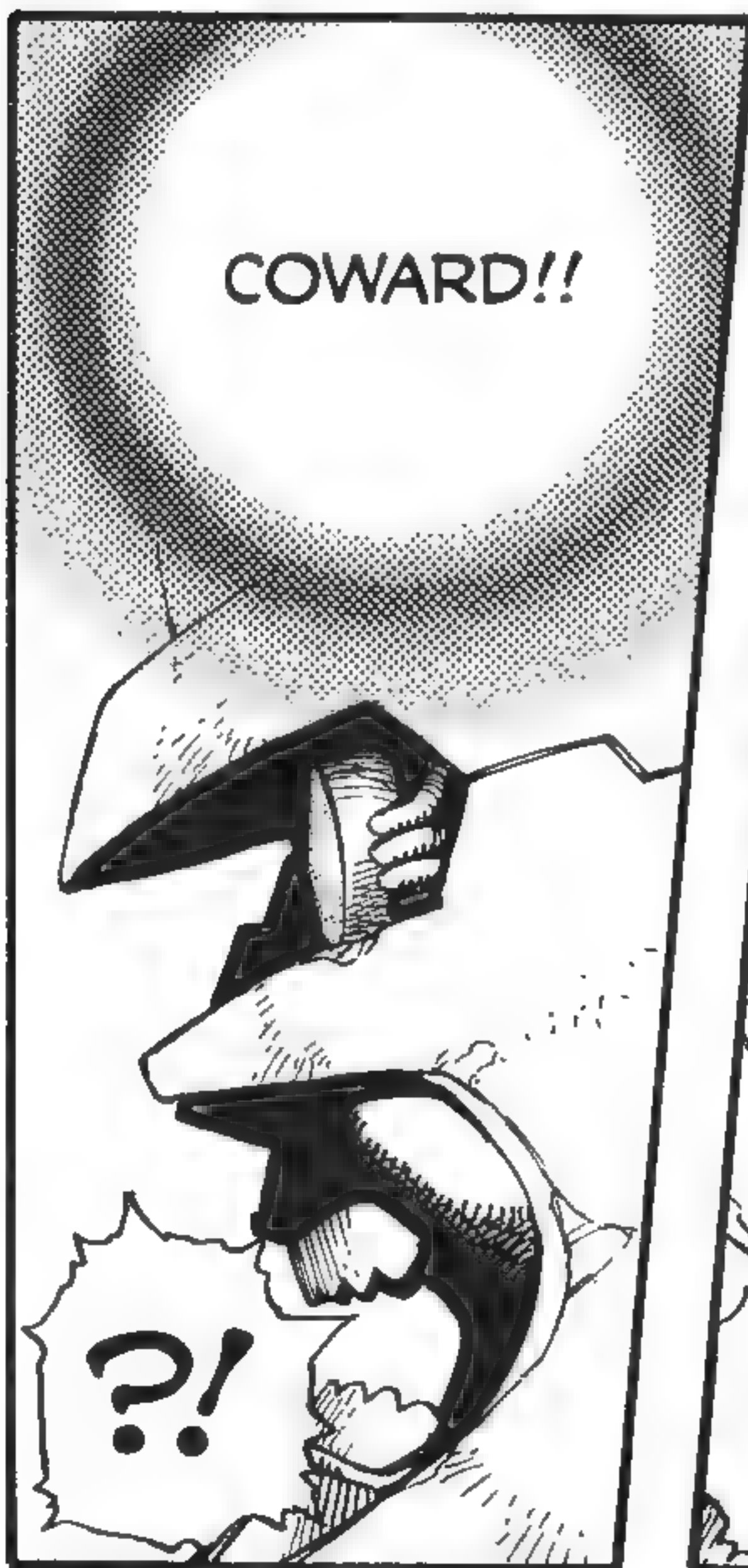
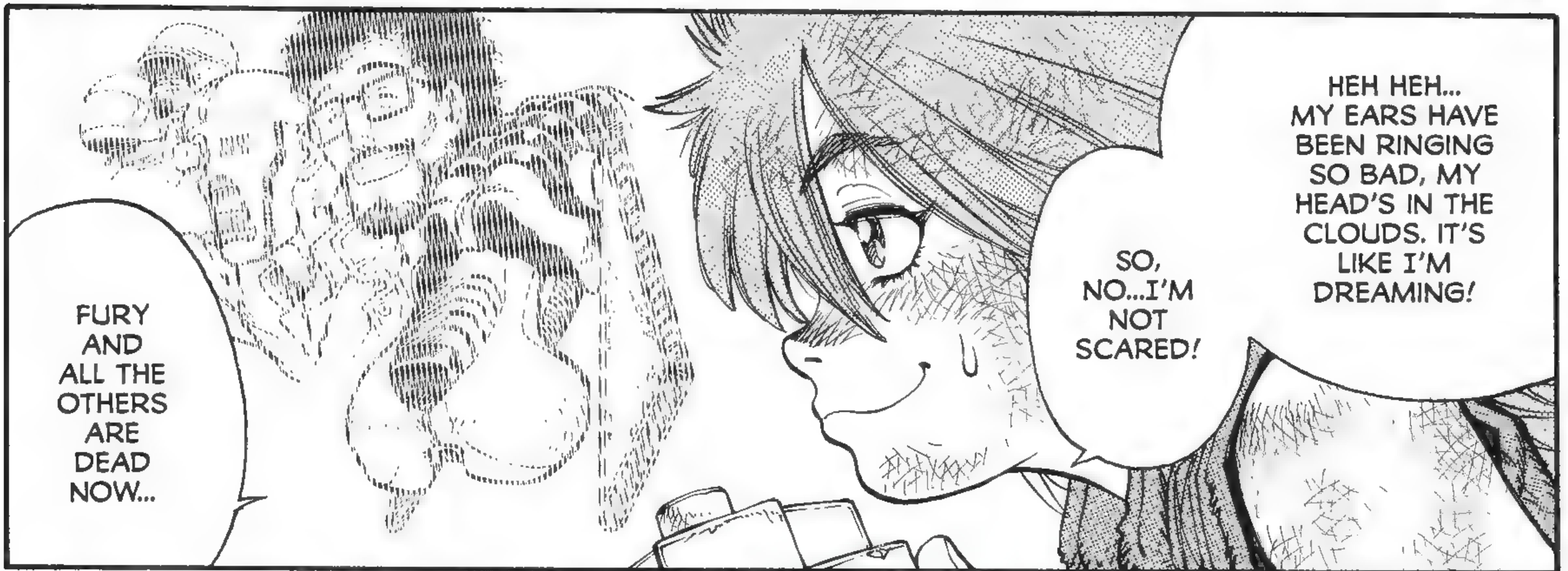
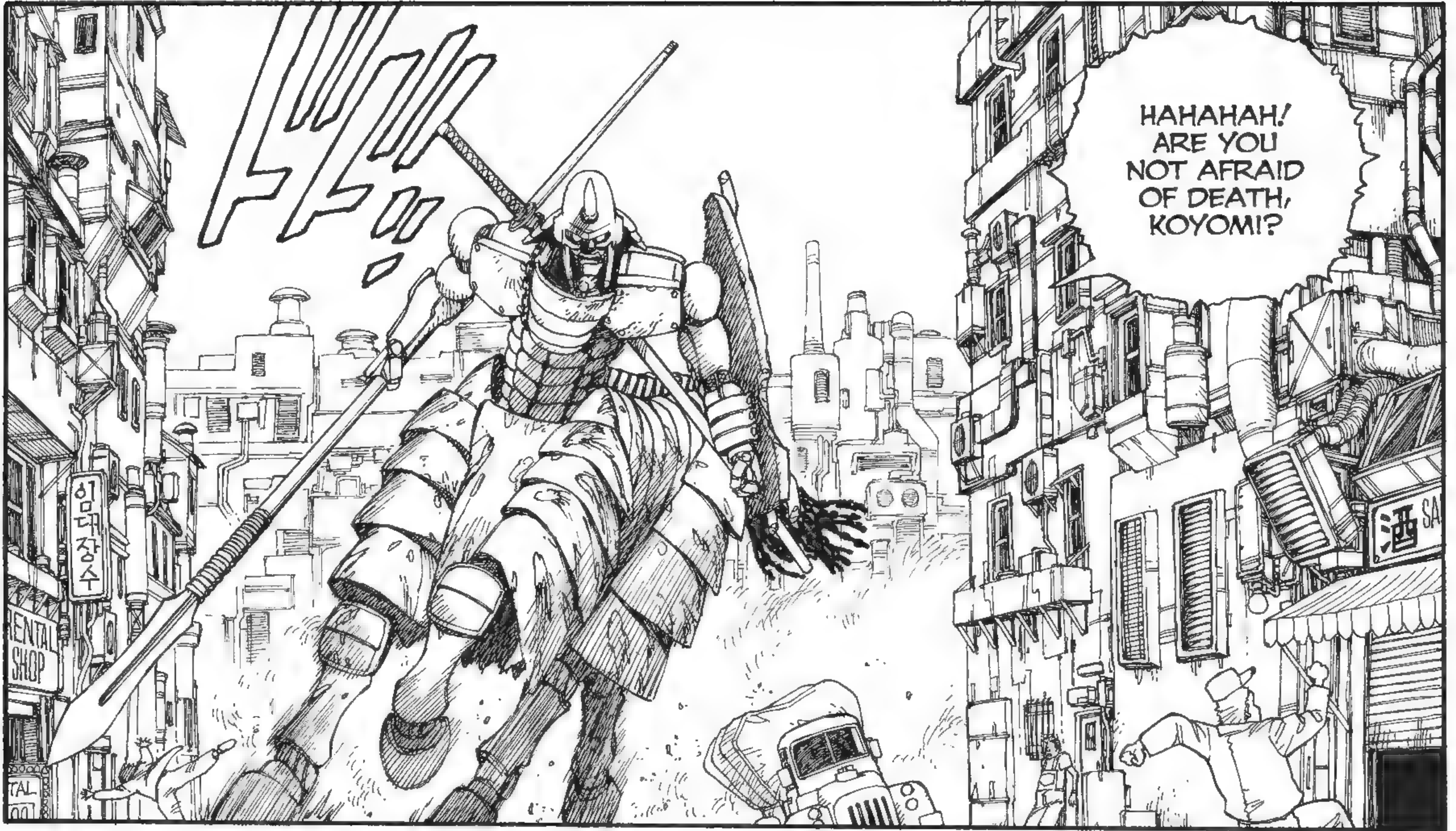


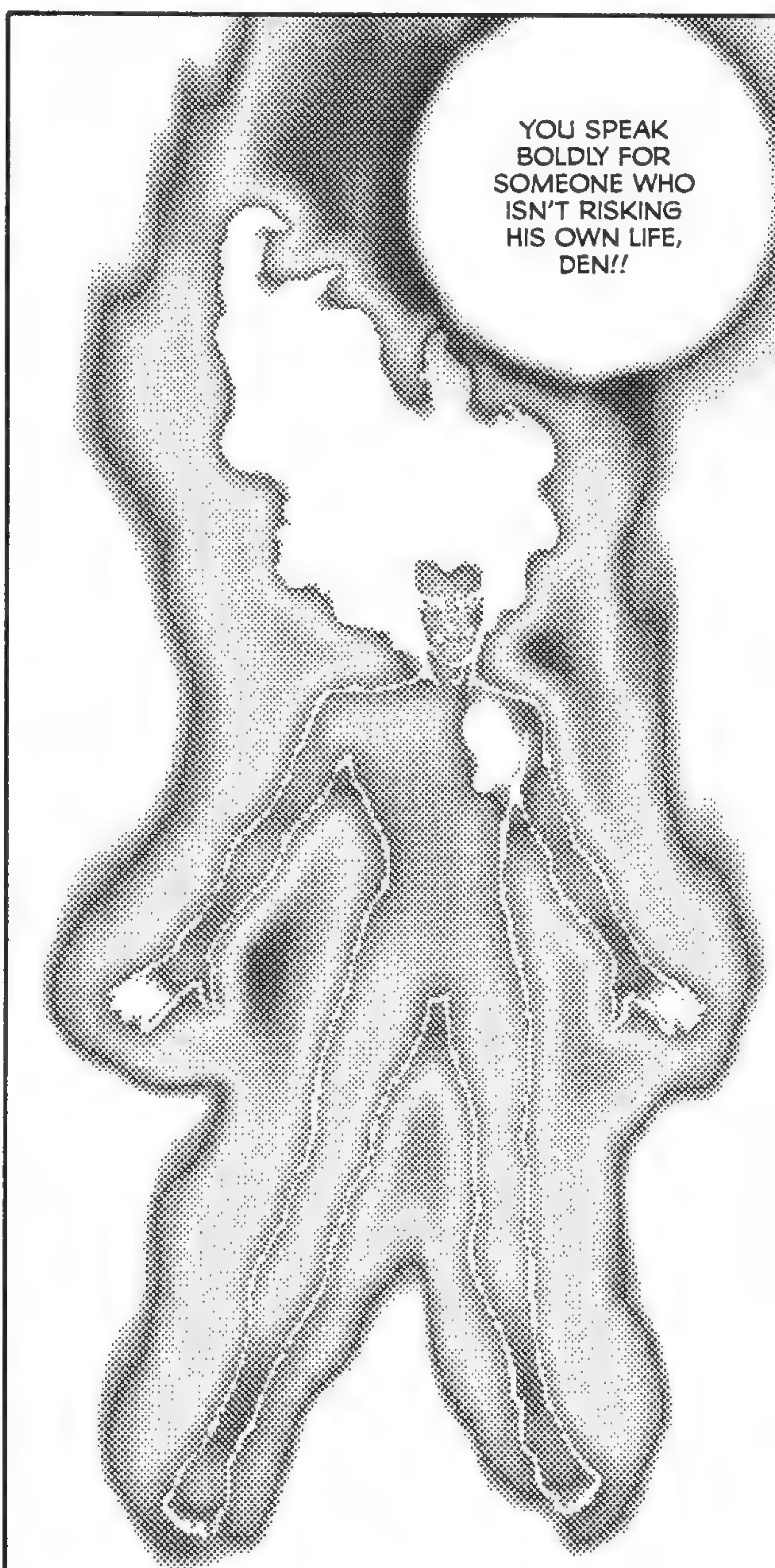
AWW,
LOOKIT
ALL THE
PEOPLE! WE
WARNED
'EM TO
EVACUATE!



AIEEEE!!

*Mother Duck: In Barjack slang, this refers to the official Factory mobilized troops, made up of Deckmen and Netmen robots. These are distinguished from the chickens, the locals hired as mercenary forces.







IT WASN'T
UNTIL I MET
ALITA THAT
I FINALLY
CAME INTO
MY OWN.

NOTHING
IS MORE
TERRIFYING
THAN NOT
KNOWING
YOURSELF.



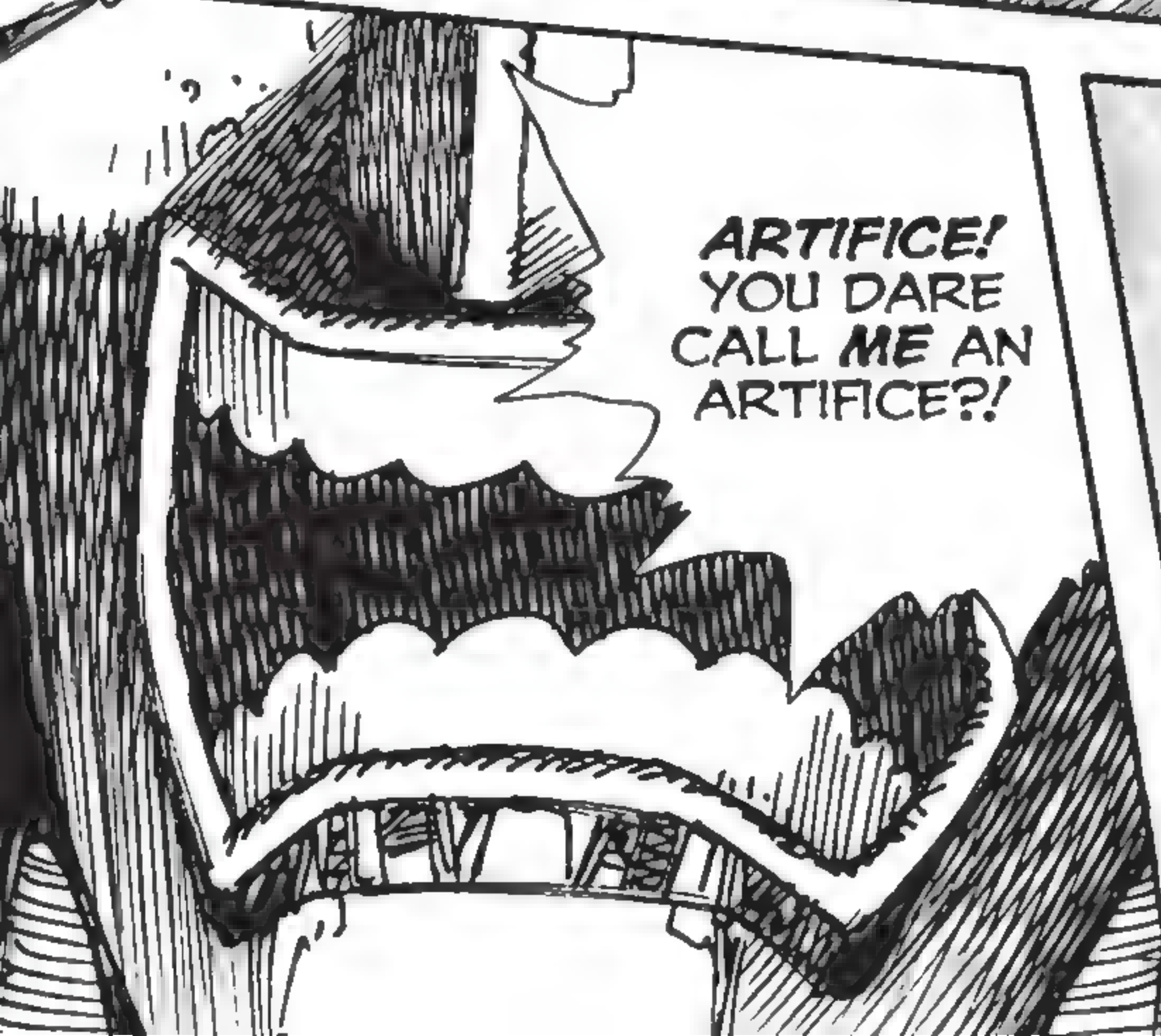
WHAT
HAPPENED
TO
YOU?!

YOU...
YOU ARE
NOT LIKE
THE OLD
KAOS...



YOU HAVE NO
LIFE OF YOUR OWN,
SO YOU WHIPPED
UP YOUR OWN ARMY,
AND CAUSED MUCH
BLOODSHED... DO
YOU THINK THESE
CRIMES WILL GO
UNPUNISHED?!

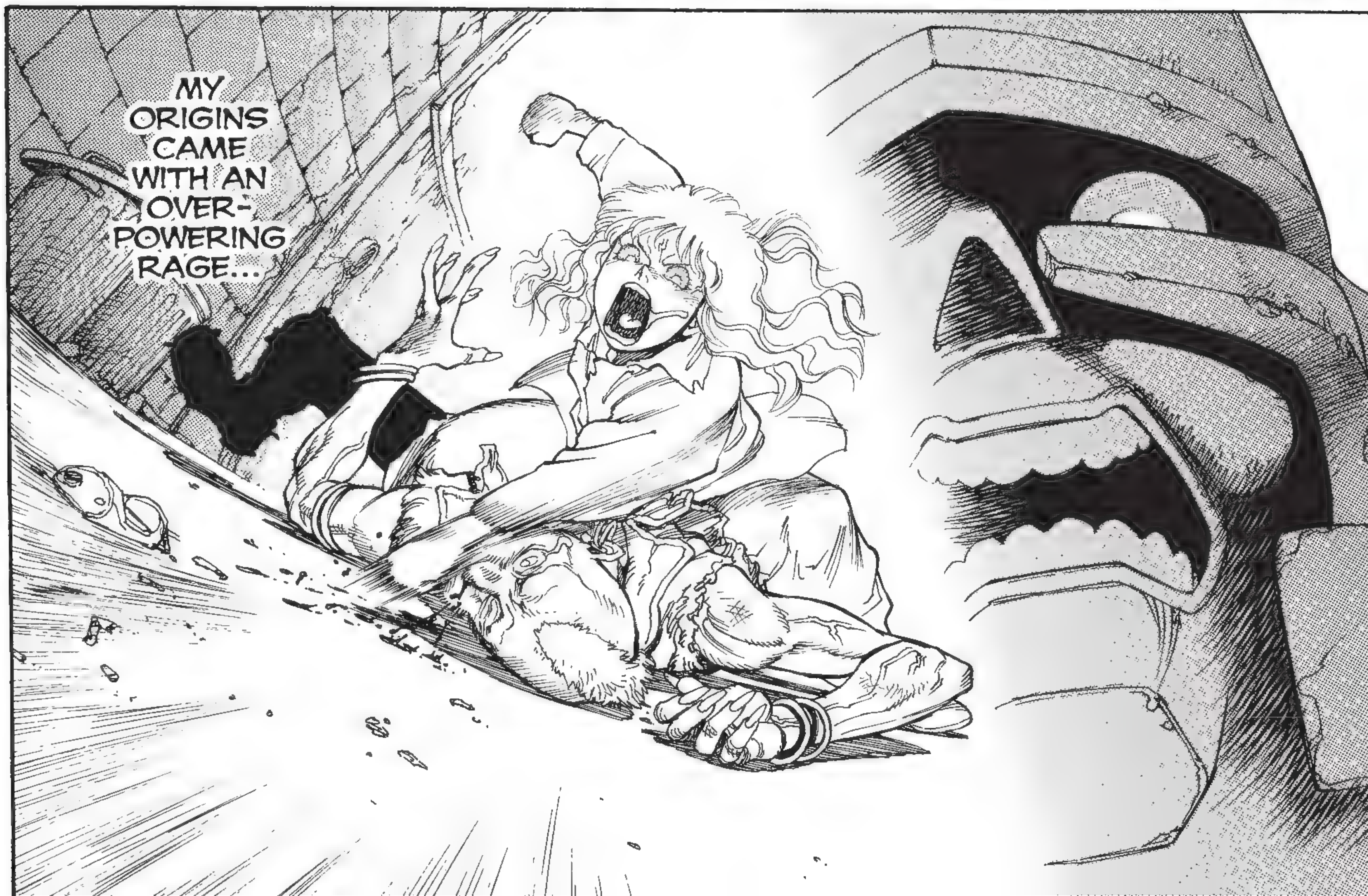
DEN, YOU ARE
NOTHING BUT AN
ARTIFICE! A FALSE
CREATION SPLIT
OFF OF MY OWN
MIND!



ARTIFICE!
YOU DARE
CALL ME AN
ARTIFICE?!



STOP THIS
WAR, RELEASE
KOYOMI, AND
RETURN TO
MY BODY!!





IT SEEMED
THAT TO THIS
BODY, AND TO
ALL OTHERS,
I WAS AN
UNWANTED
OUTSIDER, SO
I HAD TO HIDE
MYSELF FROM
SIGHT.



AH?!
WAAAH!
IT
HURTS!!

KAOS
AGAIN

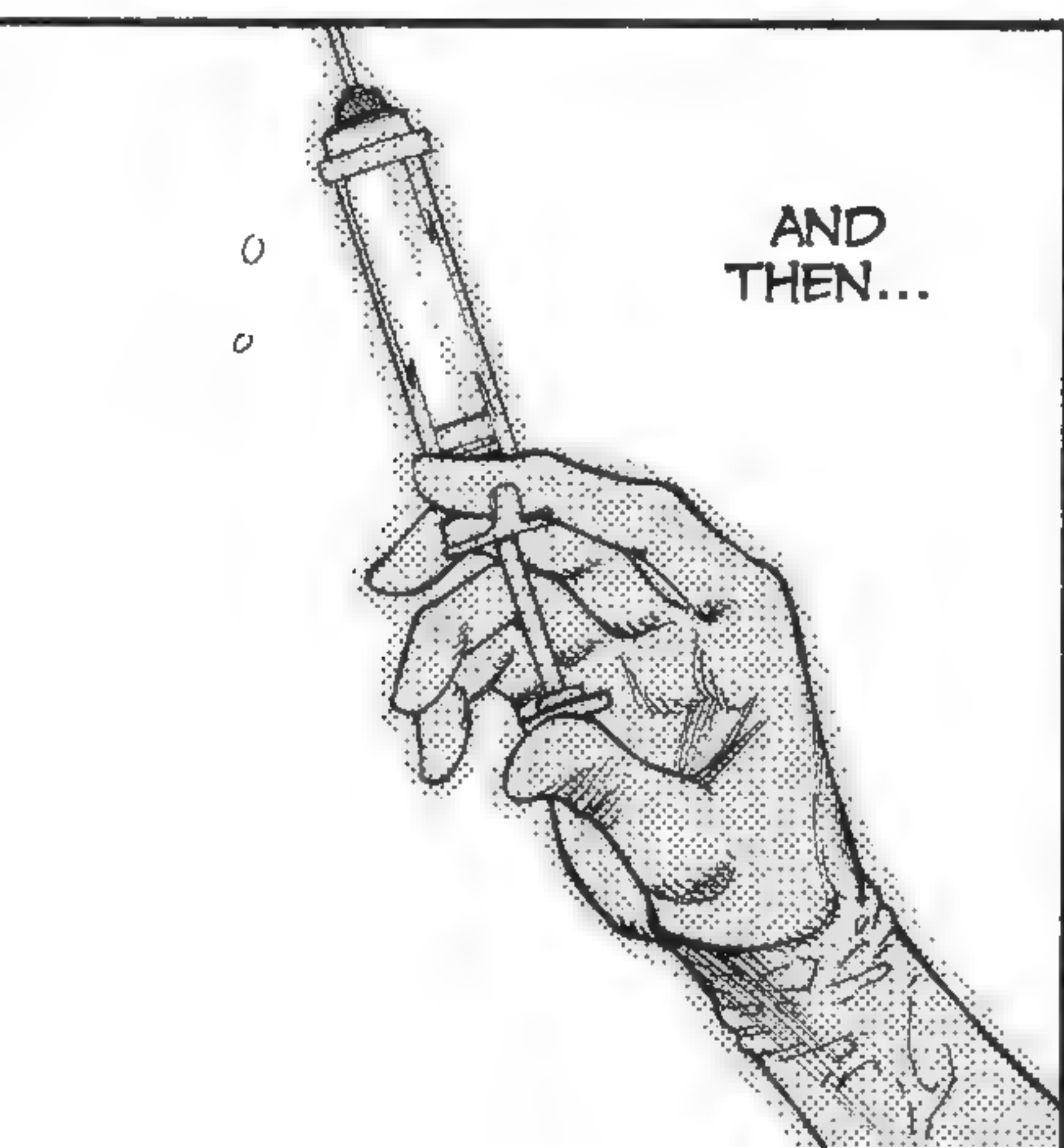


HMM?

BUT IT WAS
CRUCIAL THAT
I LEARNED THAT
FURIOUS
ENERGY ON
MY OWN.



AT AGE FIFTEEN OR
SIXTEEN, SOMETHING
HAPPENED...AND
I FLEW INTO A RAGE
AND NEARLY KILLED
NOVA AND HIS
MANSERVANT!

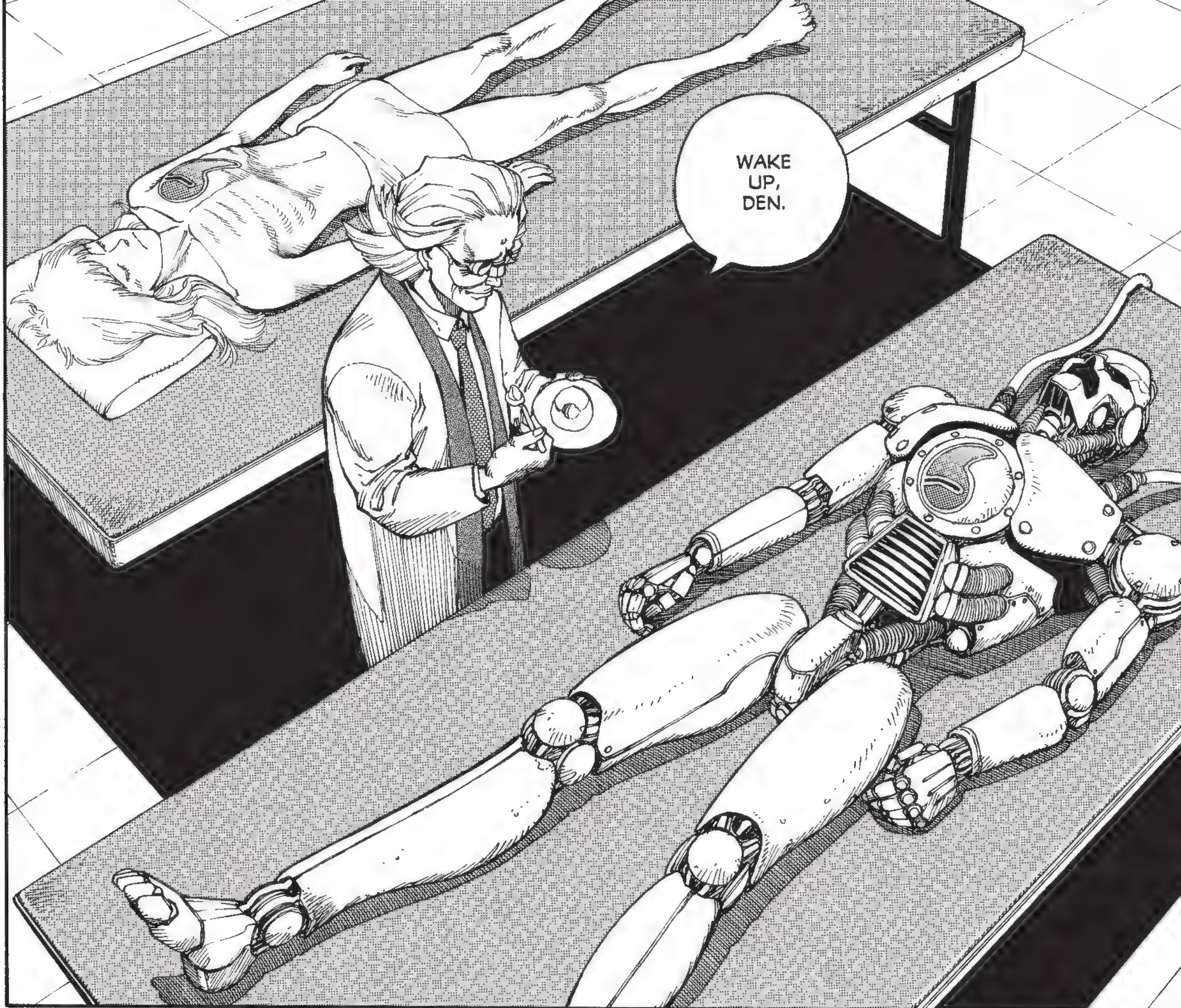


AND
THEN...

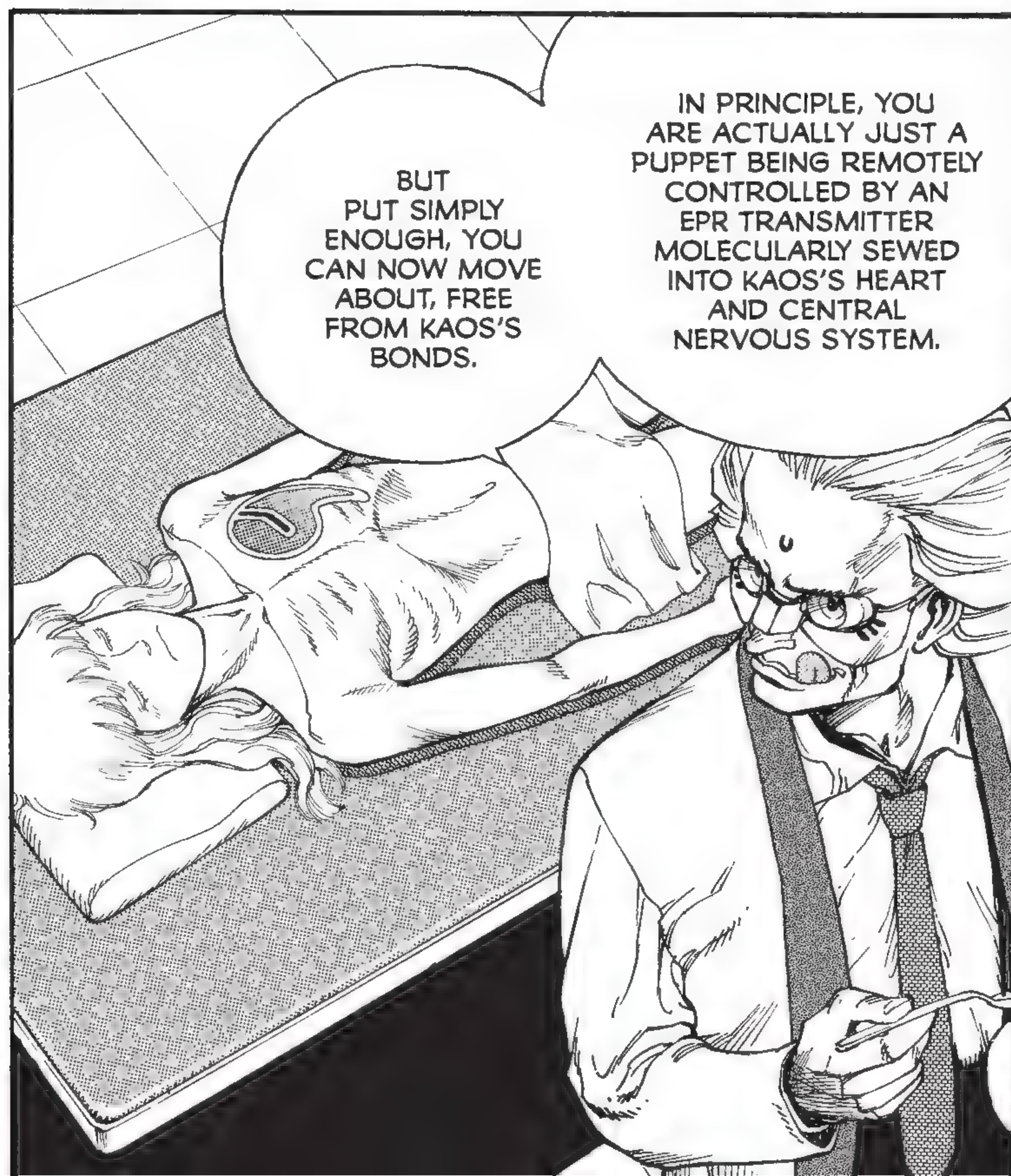


NOVA SAW
THROUGH
YOU AND
NOTICED
ME!!

THAT'S...
NOT YOU,
IS IT,
KAOS?!

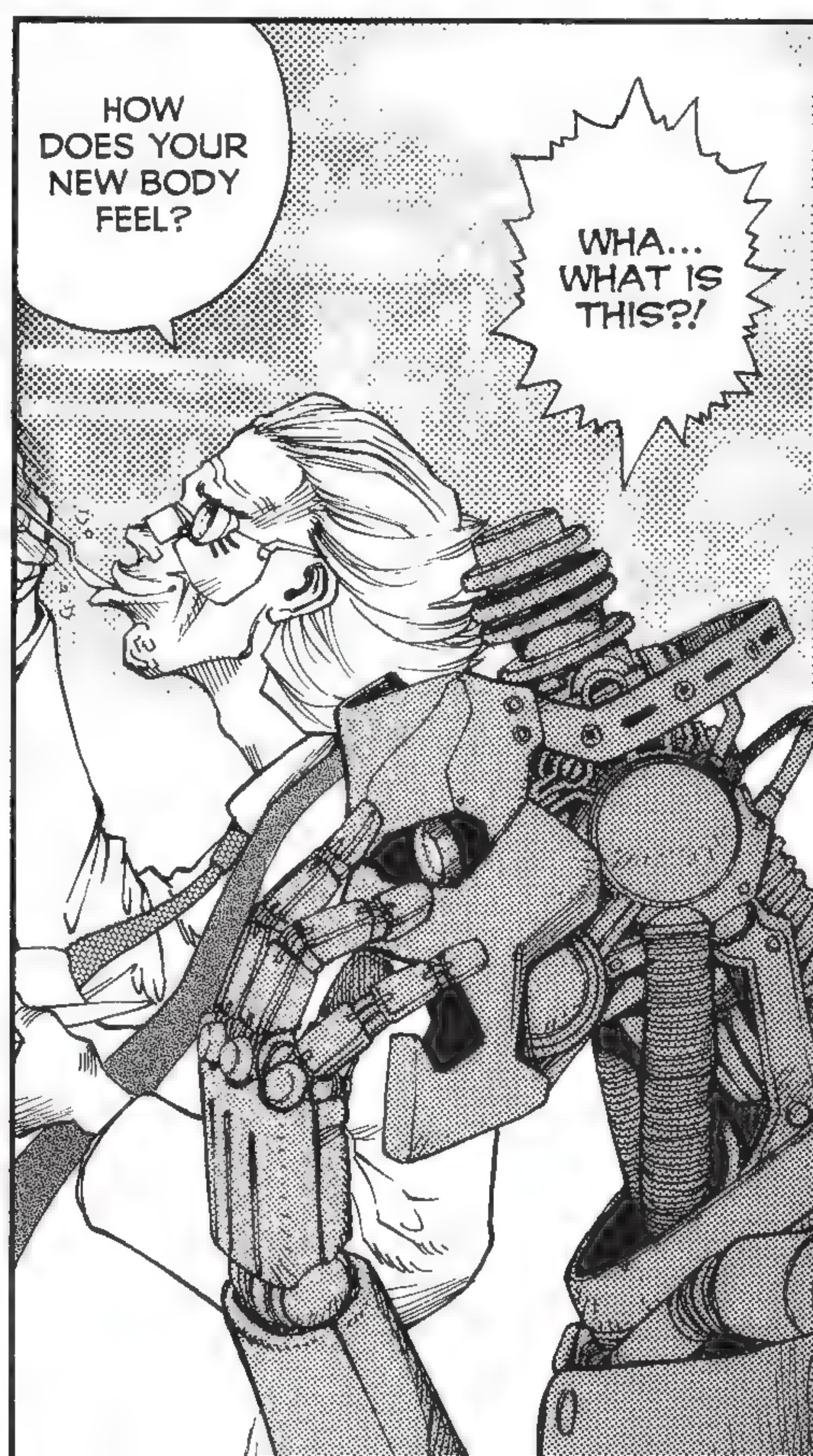


WAKE
UP,
DEN.



BUT
PUT SIMPLY
ENOUGH, YOU
CAN NOW MOVE
ABOUT, FREE
FROM KAOS'S
BONDS.

IN PRINCIPLE, YOU
ARE ACTUALLY JUST A
PUPPET BEING REMOTELY
CONTROLLED BY AN
EPR TRANSMITTER
MOLECULARLY SEWED
INTO KAOS'S HEART
AND CENTRAL
NERVOUS SYSTEM.



HOW
DOES YOUR
NEW BODY
FEEL?

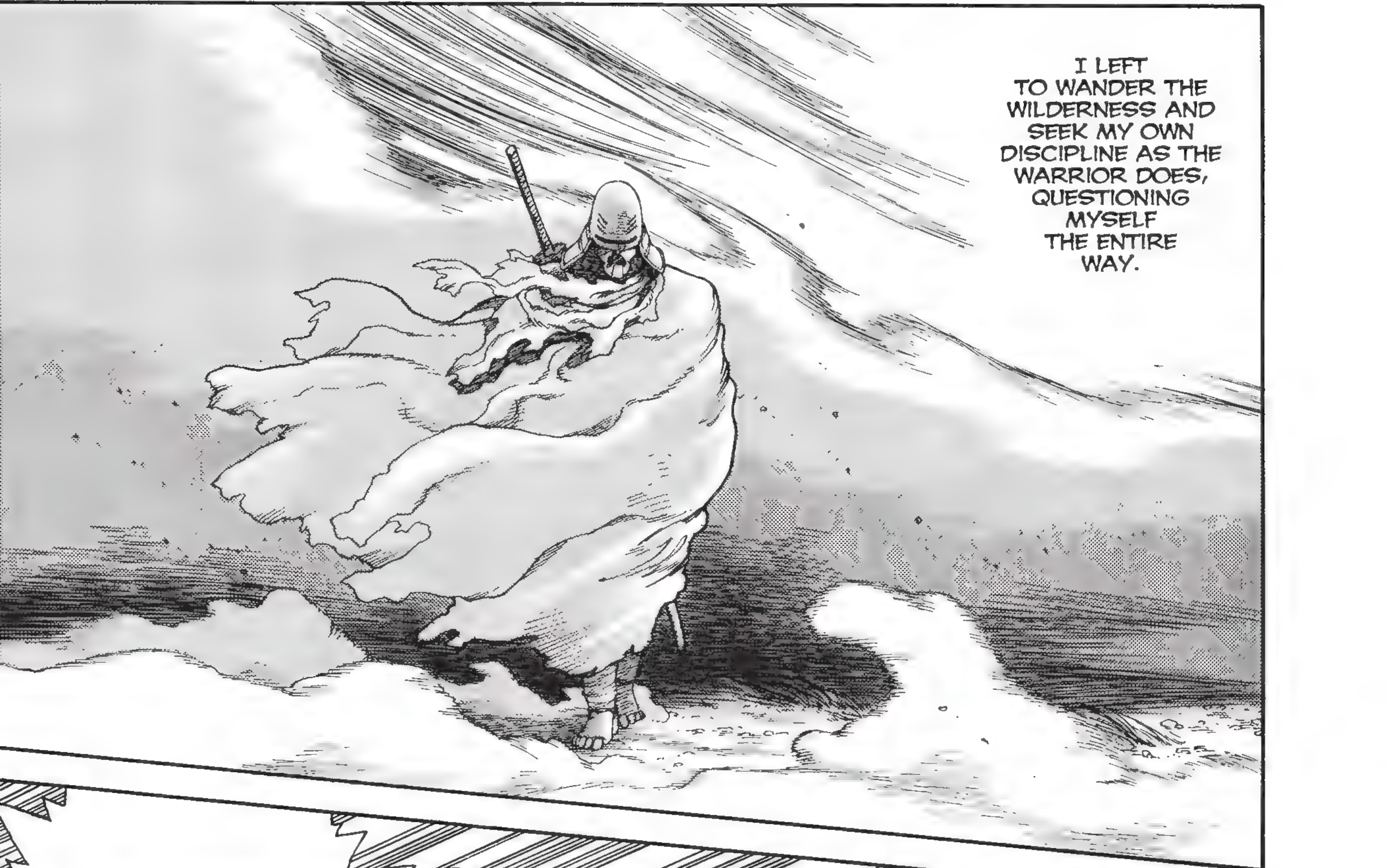
WHA...
WHAT IS
THIS?!



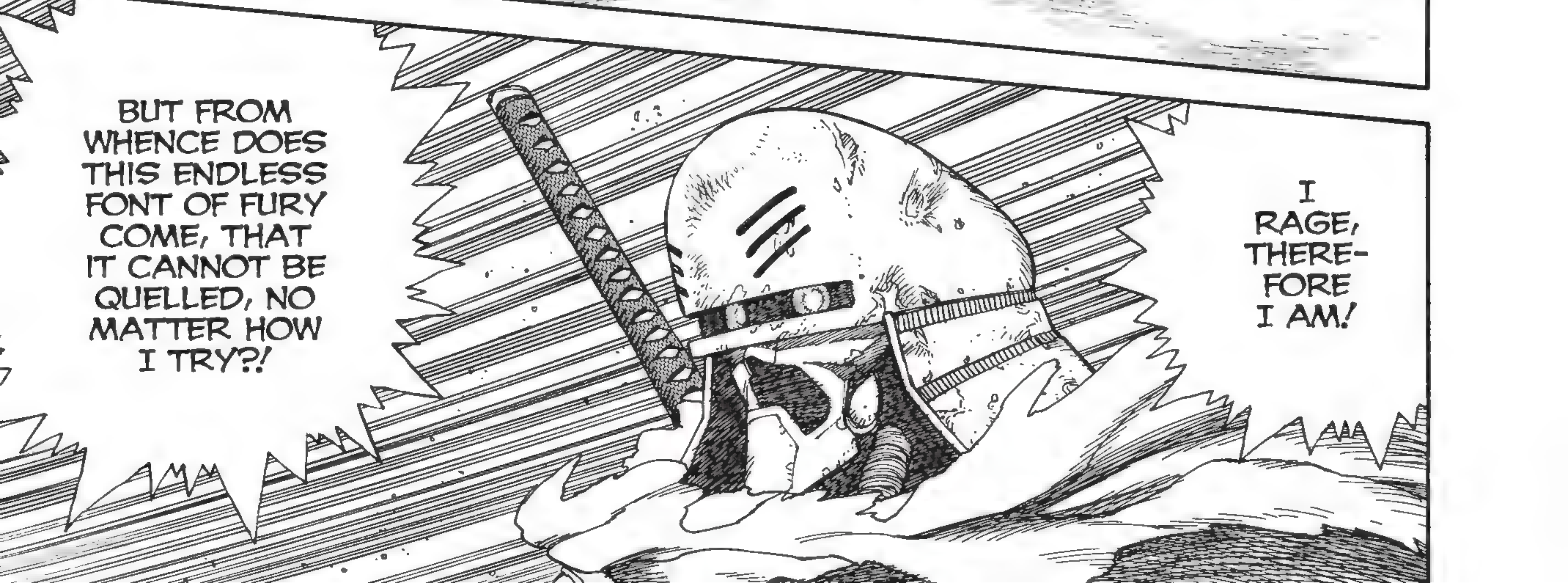
NOW YOU
CAN ACHIEVE
WHAT YOU
DESIRE!!

YOU SEE, I HAVE
A GREAT FOND-
NESS FOR PEOPLE
LIKE YOU WHO
POSSESS GREAT
"MENTAL MASS,"
AS YOU MIGHT
CALL IT.

IN FACT,
YOUR MASS
IS SO GREAT,
YOU'RE IN
DANGER OF
GRAVITATIONAL
COLLAPSE,
HEH HEH!

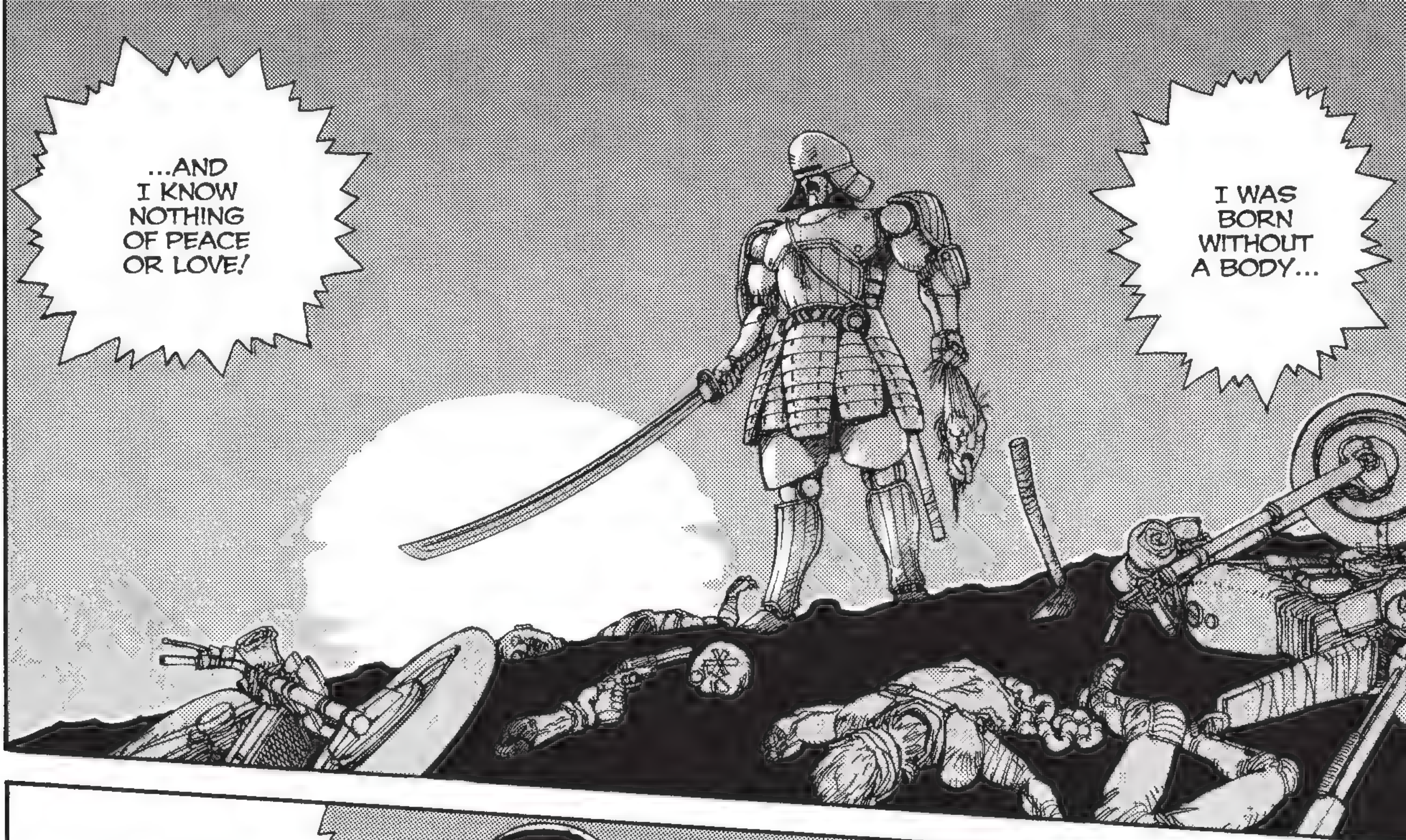


I LEFT
TO WANDER THE
WILDERNESS AND
SEEK MY OWN
DISCIPLINE AS THE
WARRIOR DOES,
QUESTIONING
MYSELF
THE ENTIRE
WAY.



BUT FROM
WHENCE DOES
THIS ENDLESS
FONT OF FURY
COME, THAT
IT CANNOT BE
QUELLED, NO
MATTER HOW
I TRY?!

I
RAGE,
THERE-
FORE
I AM!



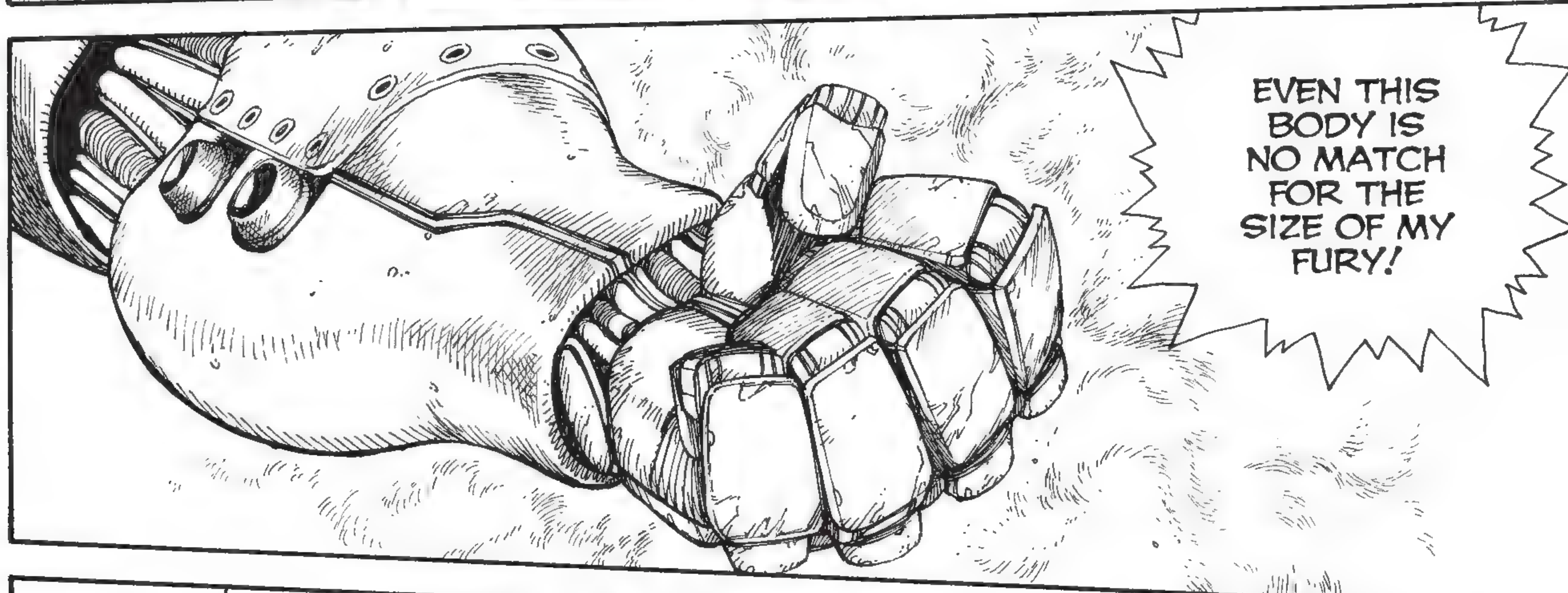
...AND
I KNOW
NOTHING
OF PEACE
OR LOVE!

I WAS
BORN
WITHOUT
A BODY...

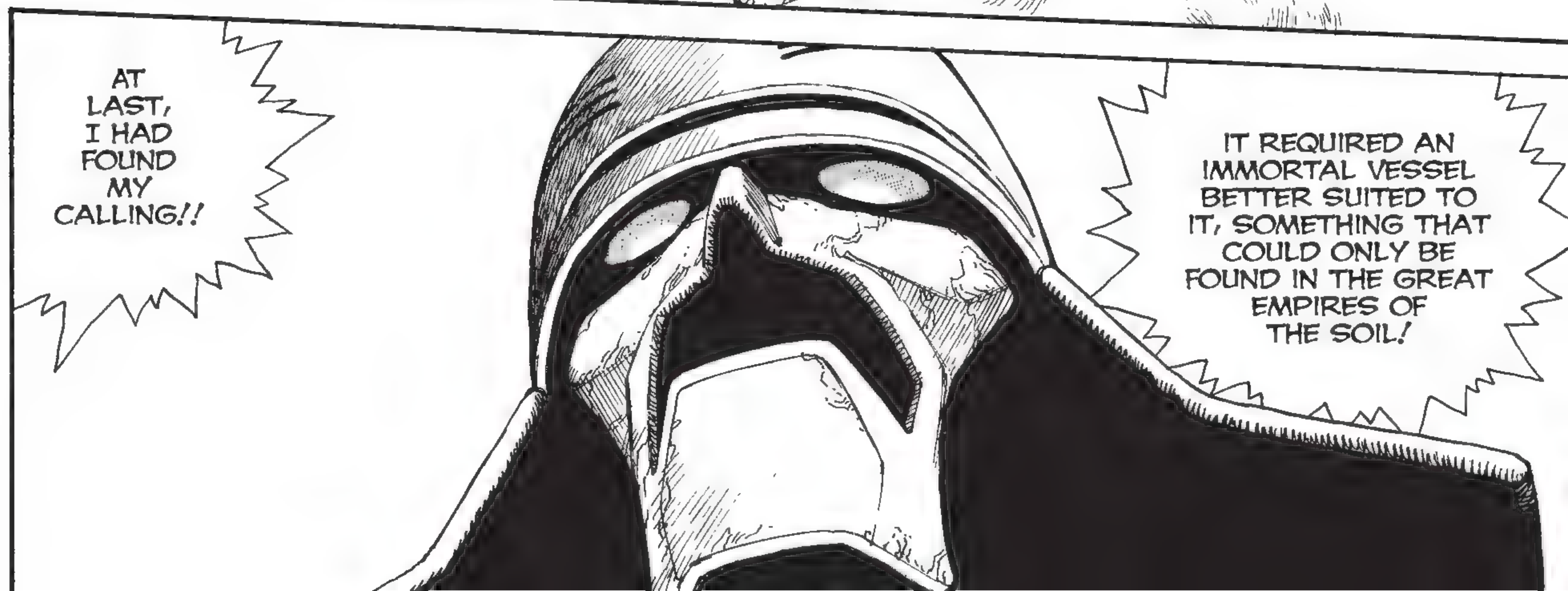


...THE CHILD
OF FATE, THE
SPIRIT OF THE
EARTH'S
RAGE AND
VENGEANCE!!

NAY!
FOR I
AM...



EVEN THIS
BODY IS
NO MATCH
FOR THE
SIZE OF MY
FURY!



AT
LAST,
I HAD
FOUND
MY
CALLING!!

IT REQUIRED AN
IMMORTAL VESSEL
BETTER SUITED TO
IT, SOMETHING THAT
COULD ONLY BE
FOUND IN THE GREAT
EMPIRES OF
THE SOIL!



I SWORE
TO BRING
ZALEM
DOWN TO
EARTH!!

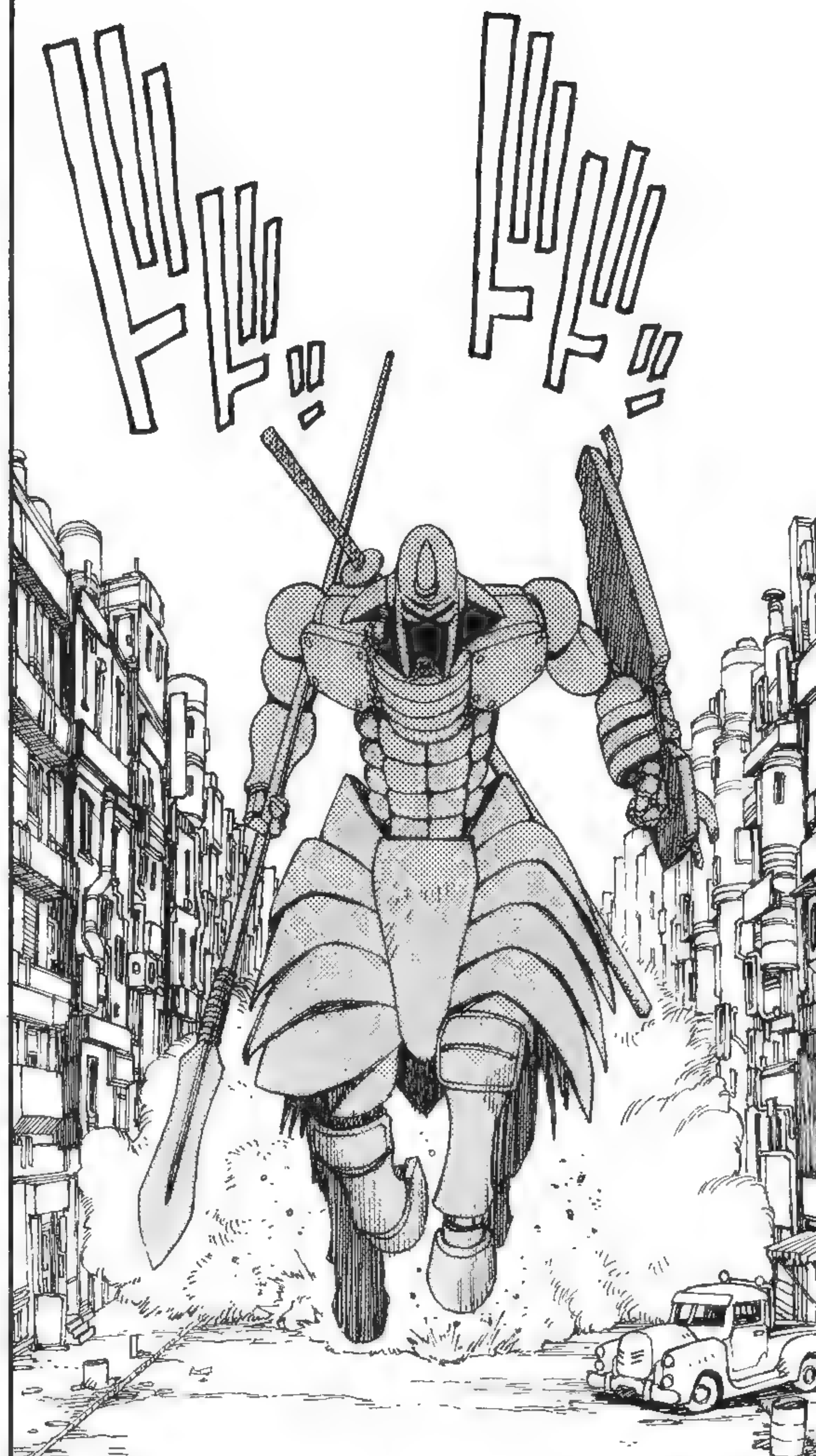
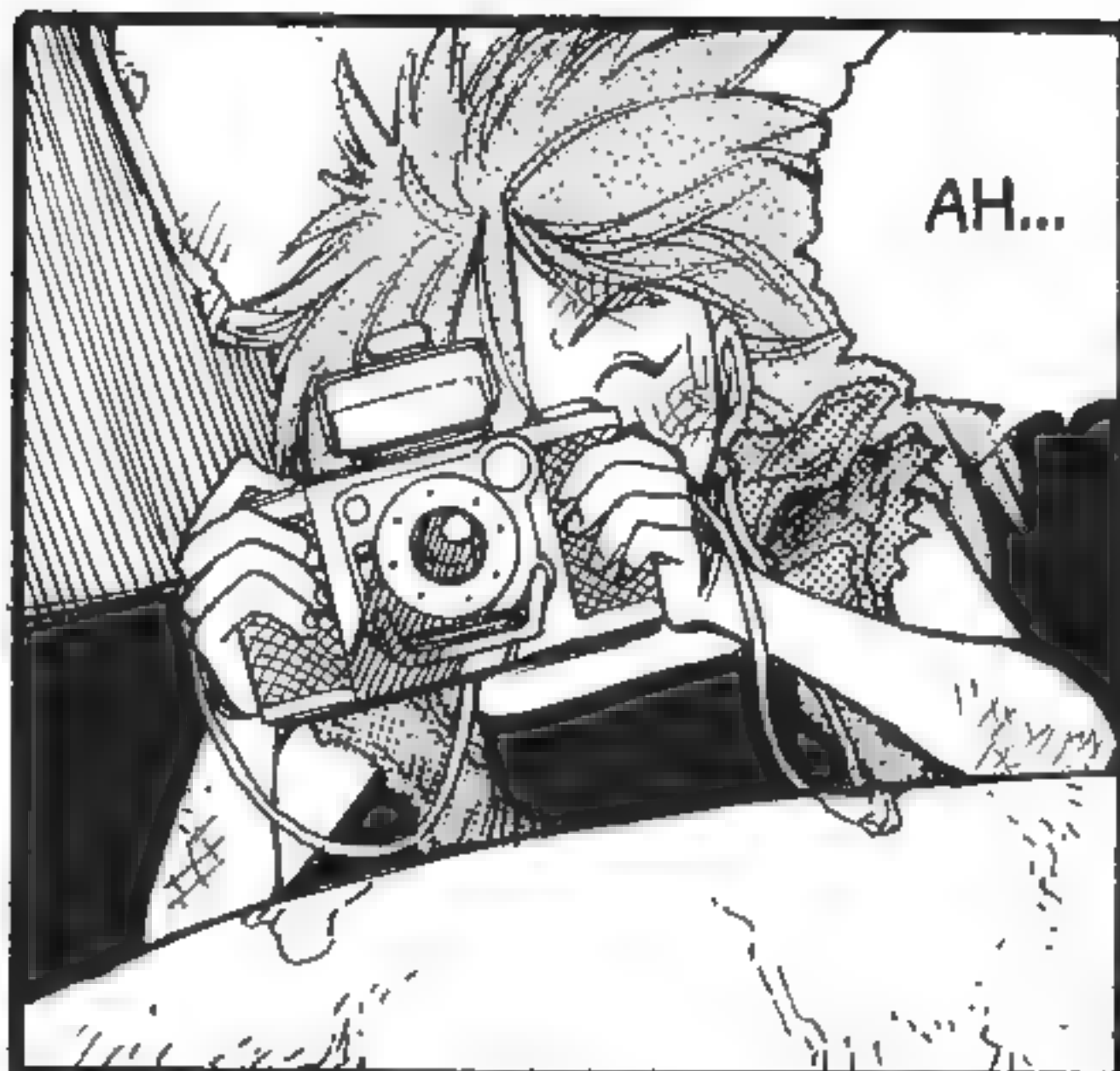
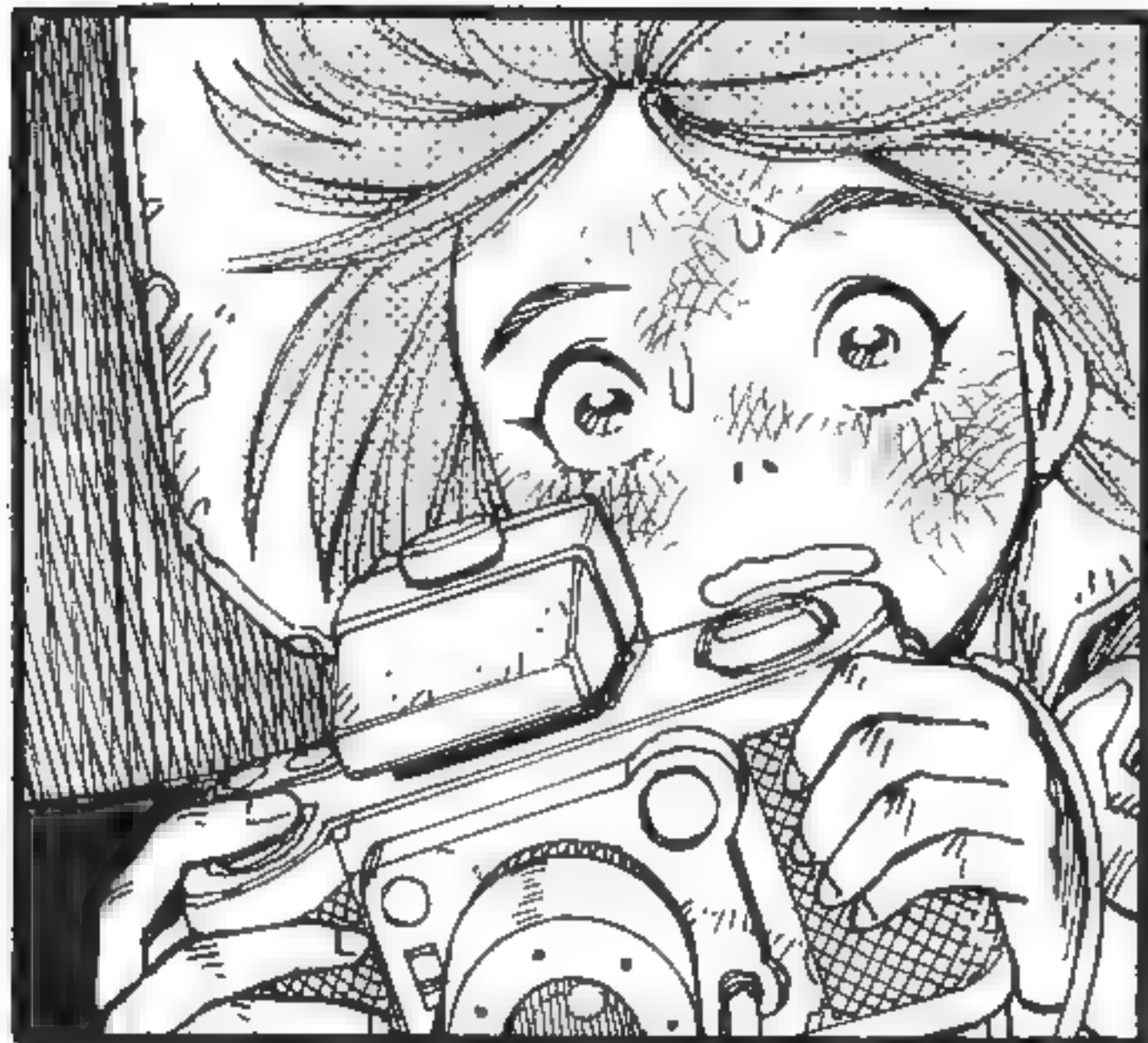


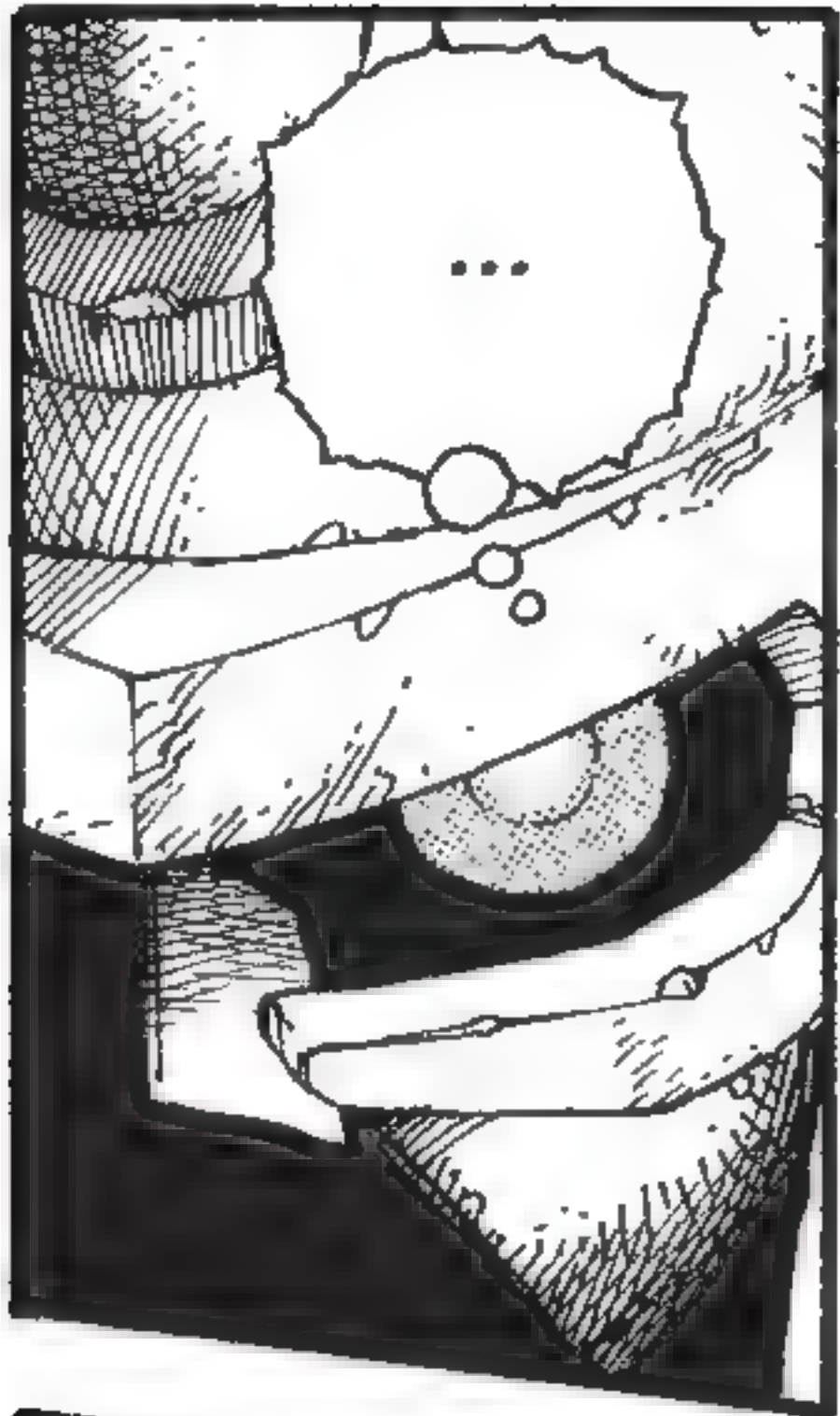
I HAVE
NOT LOST
YET!!



ACCEPT
THE TRUTH,
AND ADMIT
DEFEAT!!

BUT YOU
FAILED...





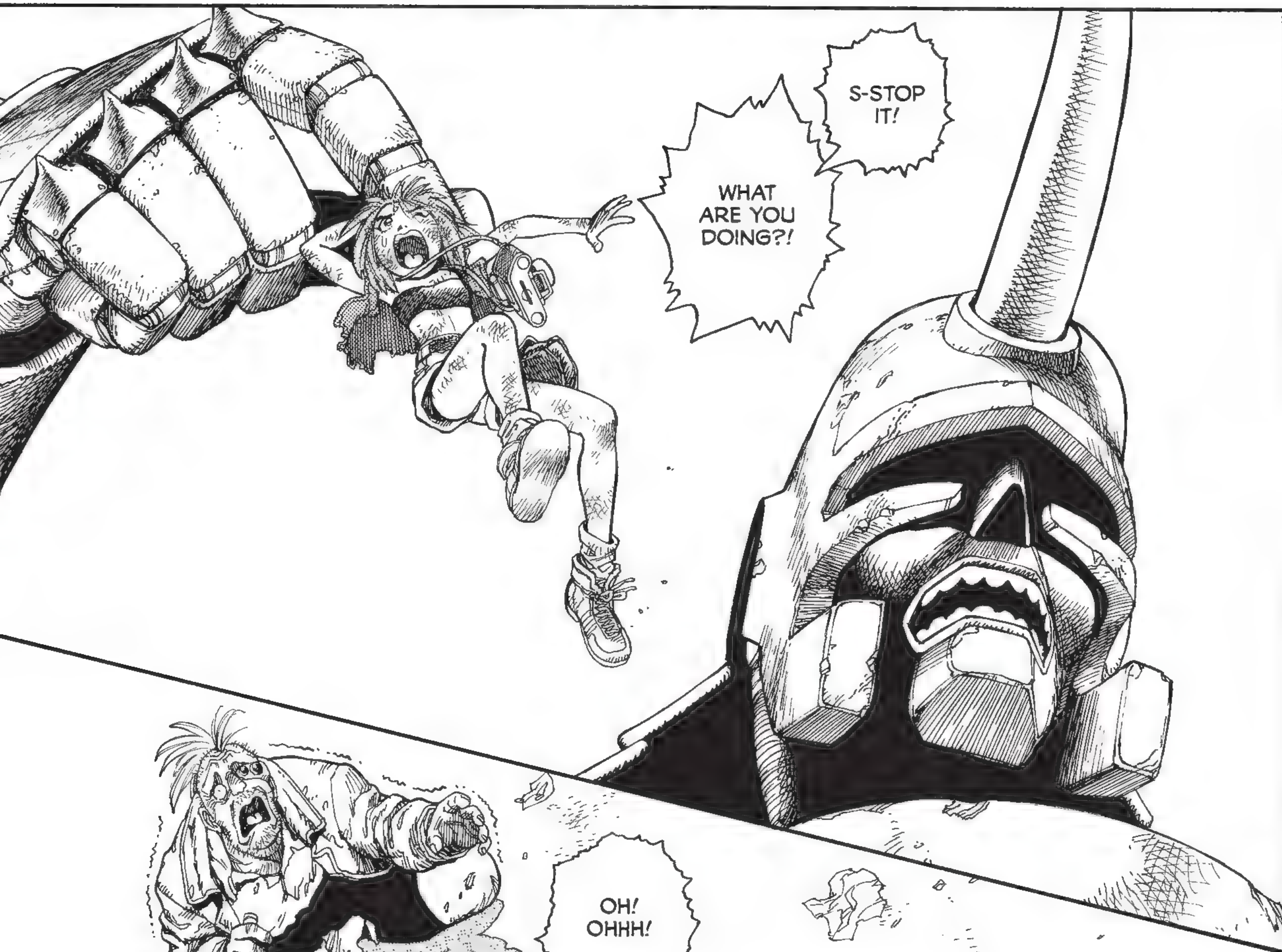
JUST *DIE*
ALREADY!!
CRUSH HIM,
MASTER
DEN!!



PLEASE!
GIVE BACK
MY
DAUGHTER!

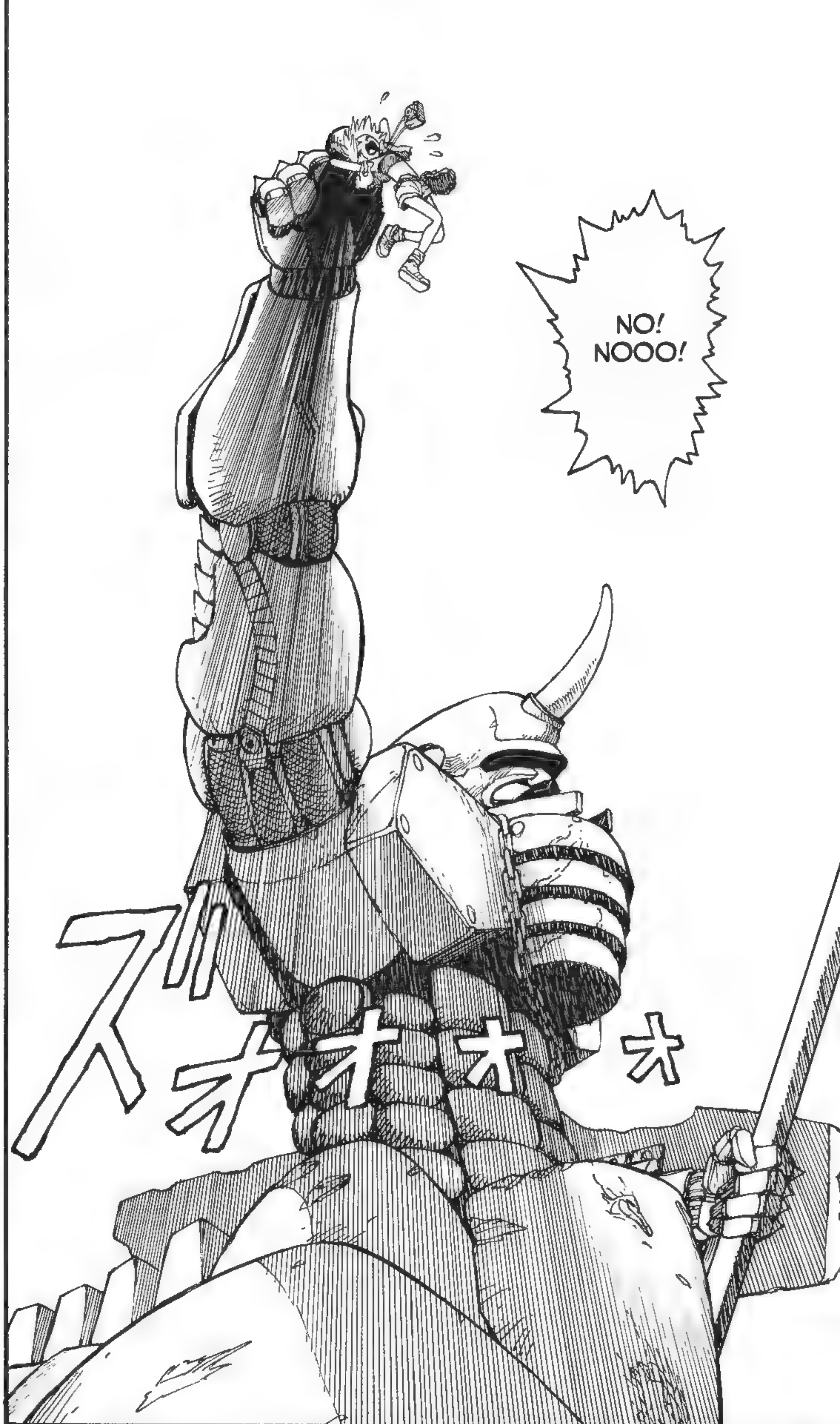


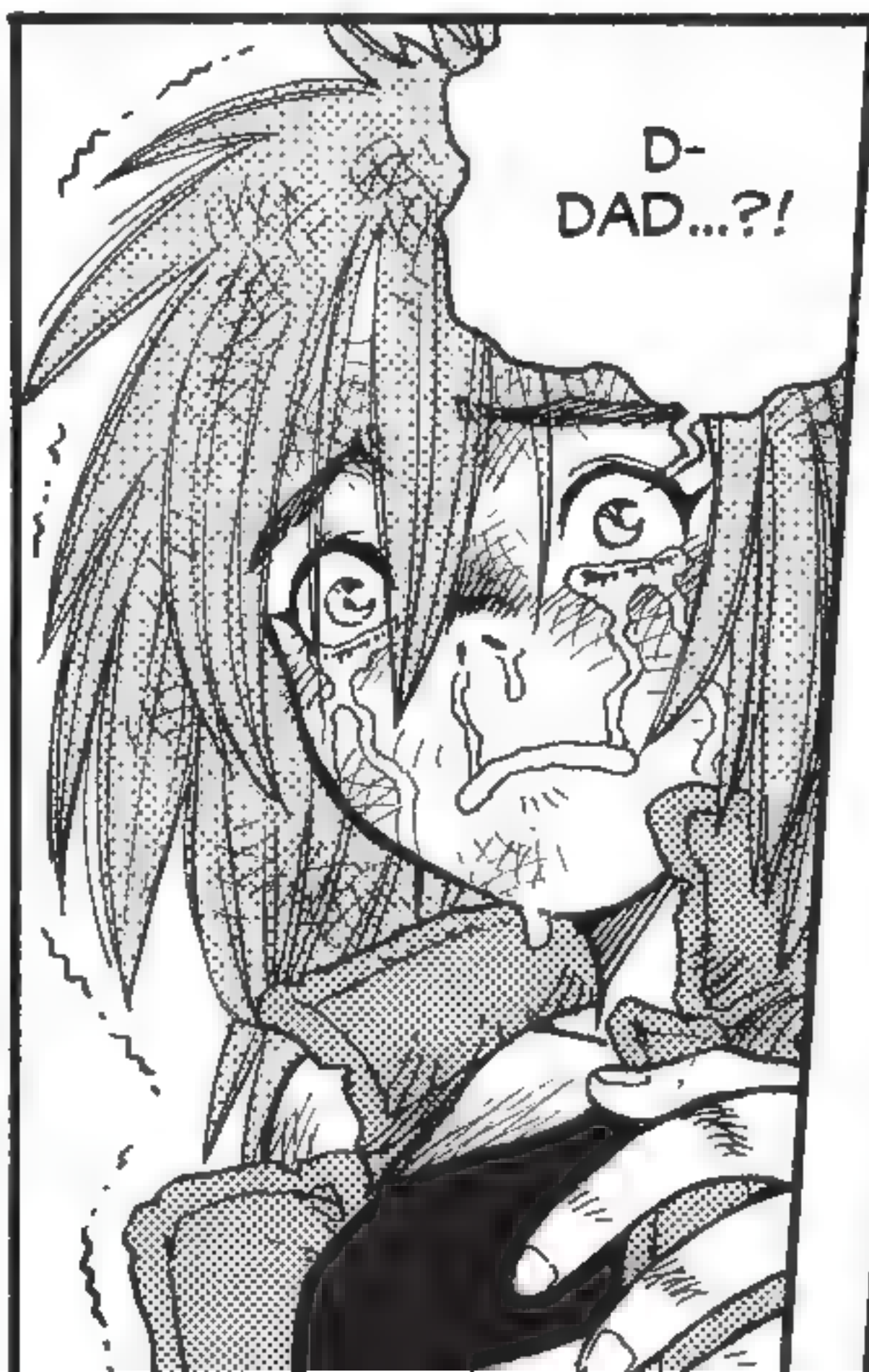
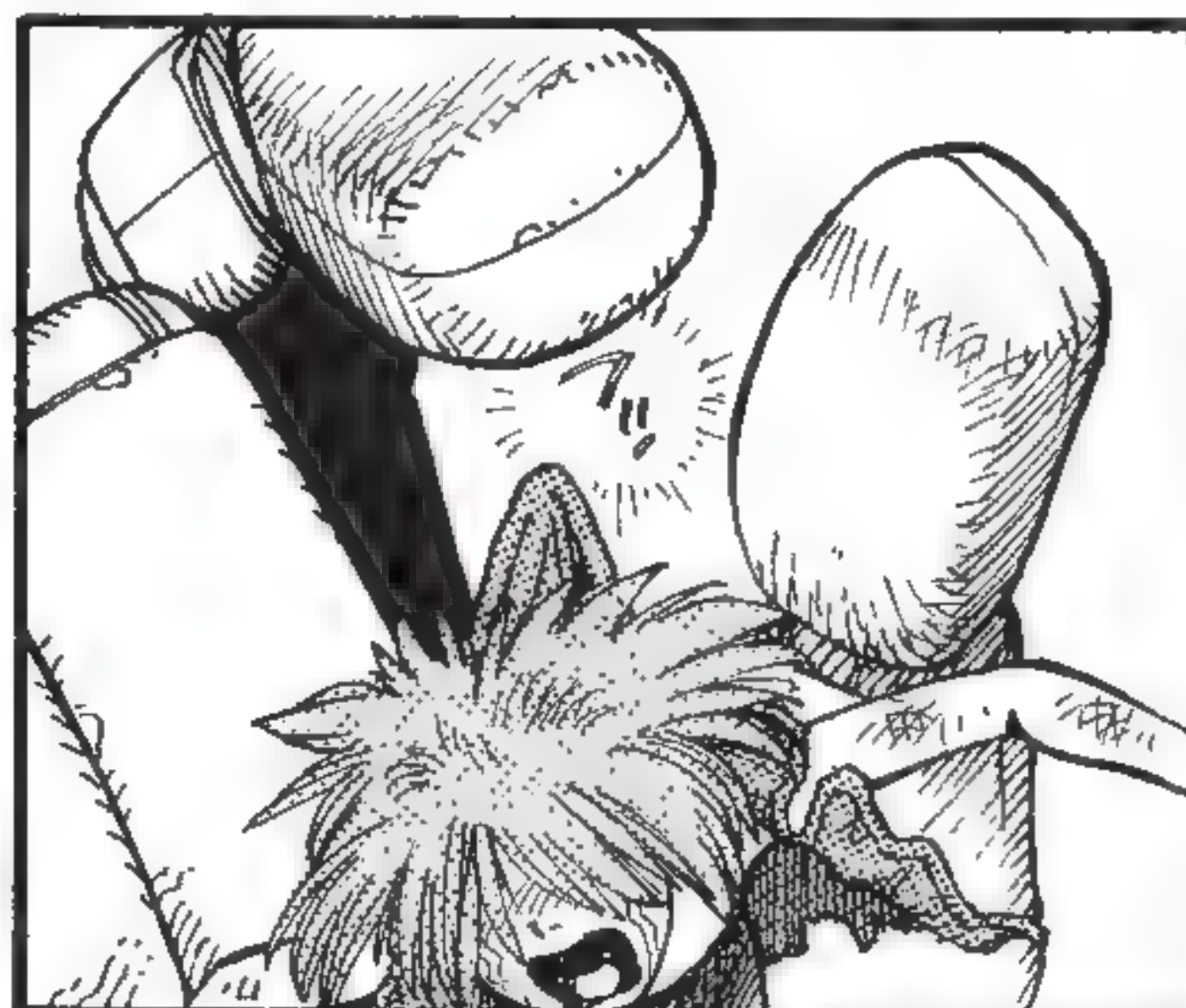
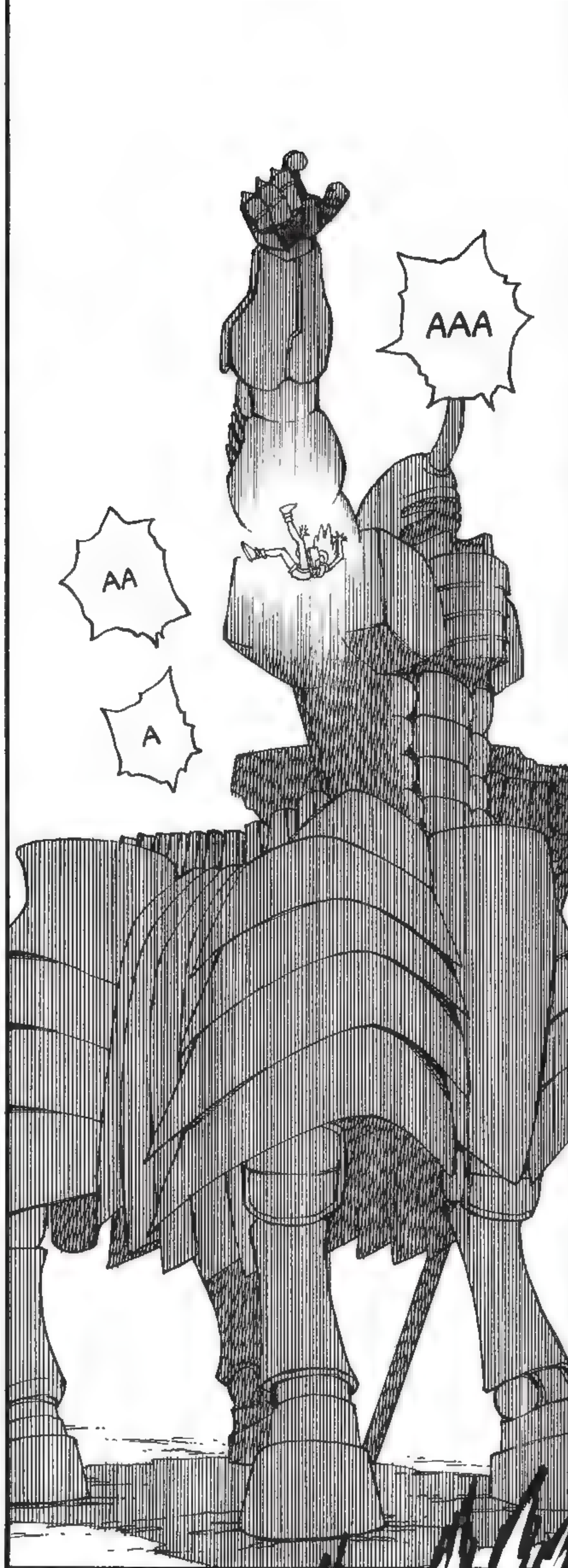
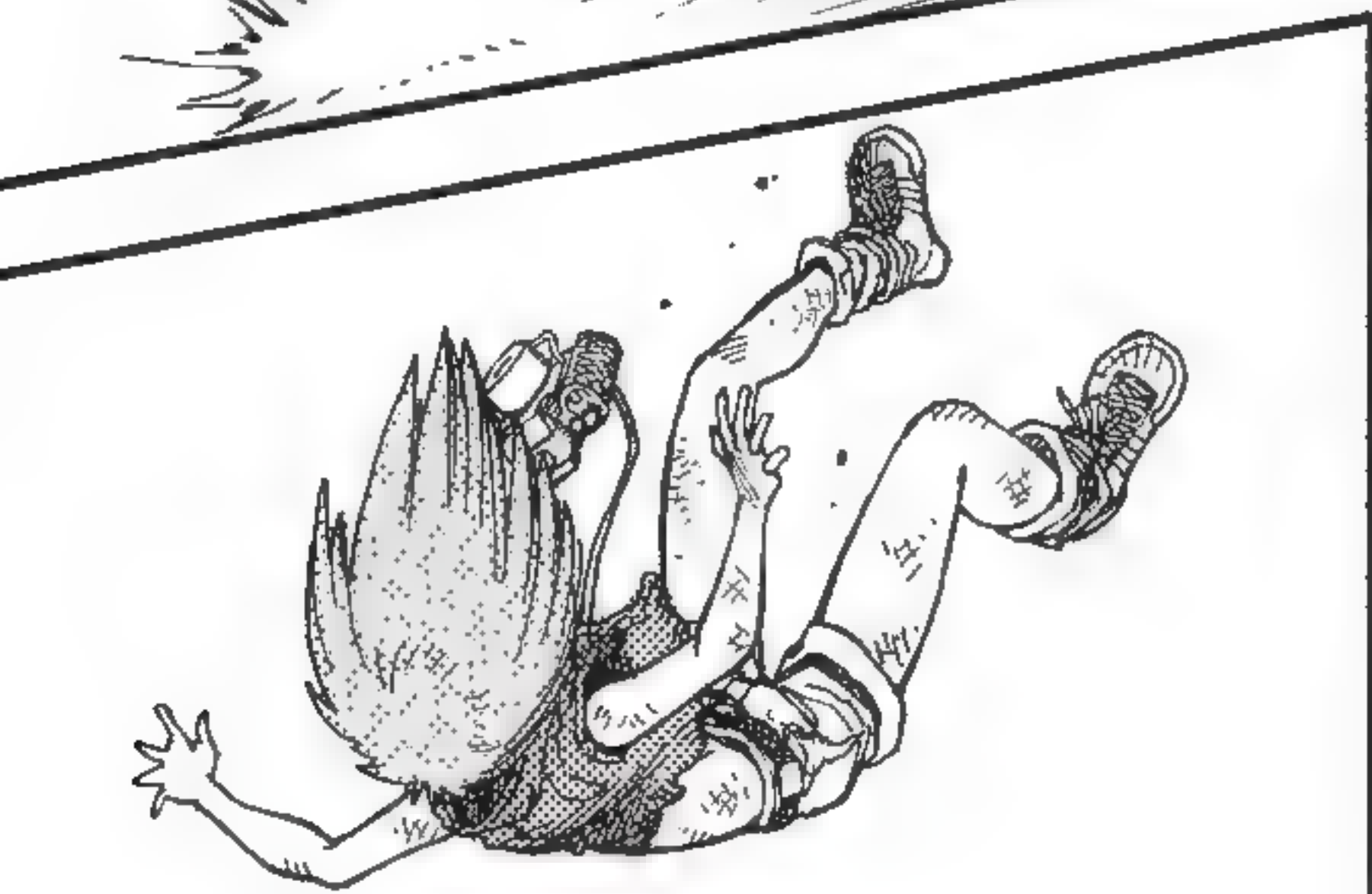
HEY, YOU
WORTHLESS
DRUNK!!
WHAT THE
HELL ARE YOU
DOING?!

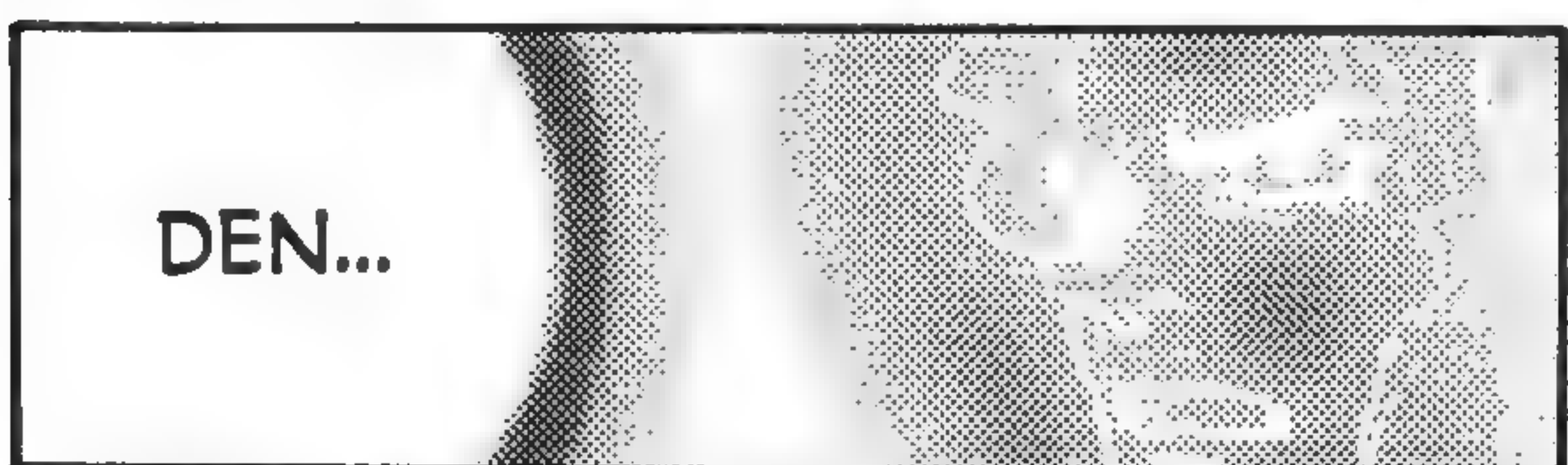
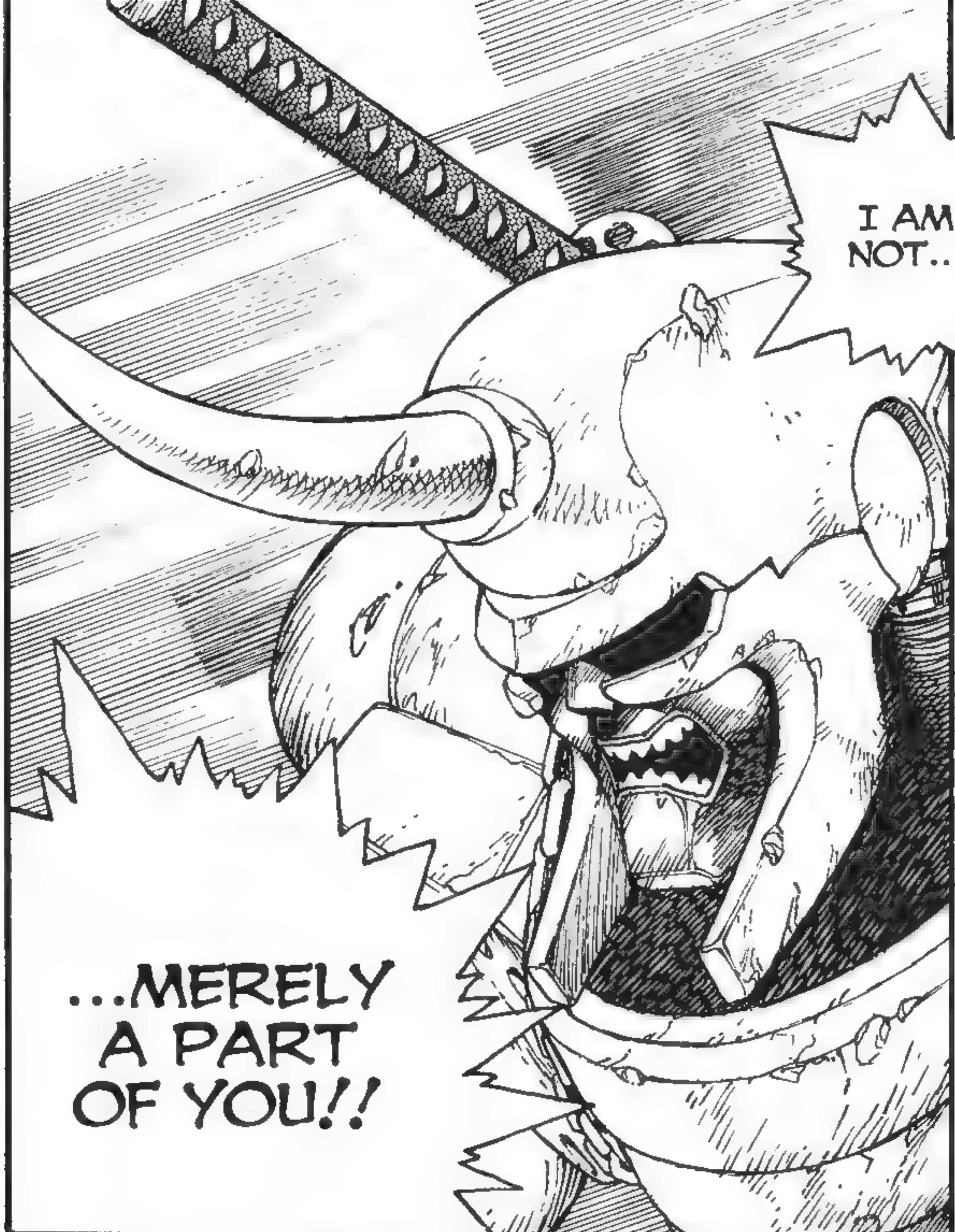


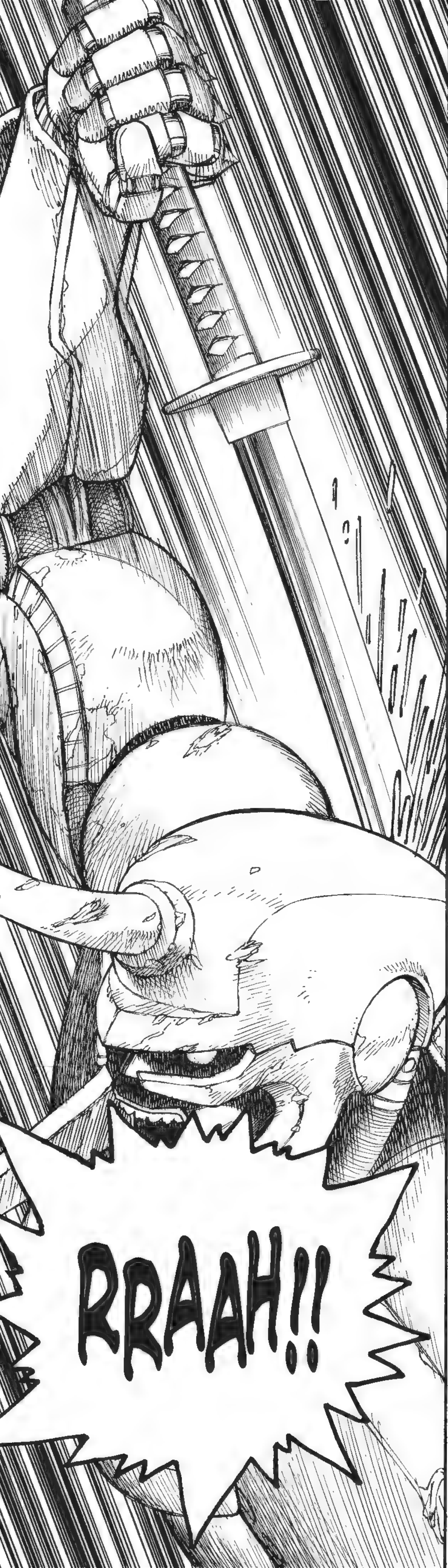
OH!
OHHH!



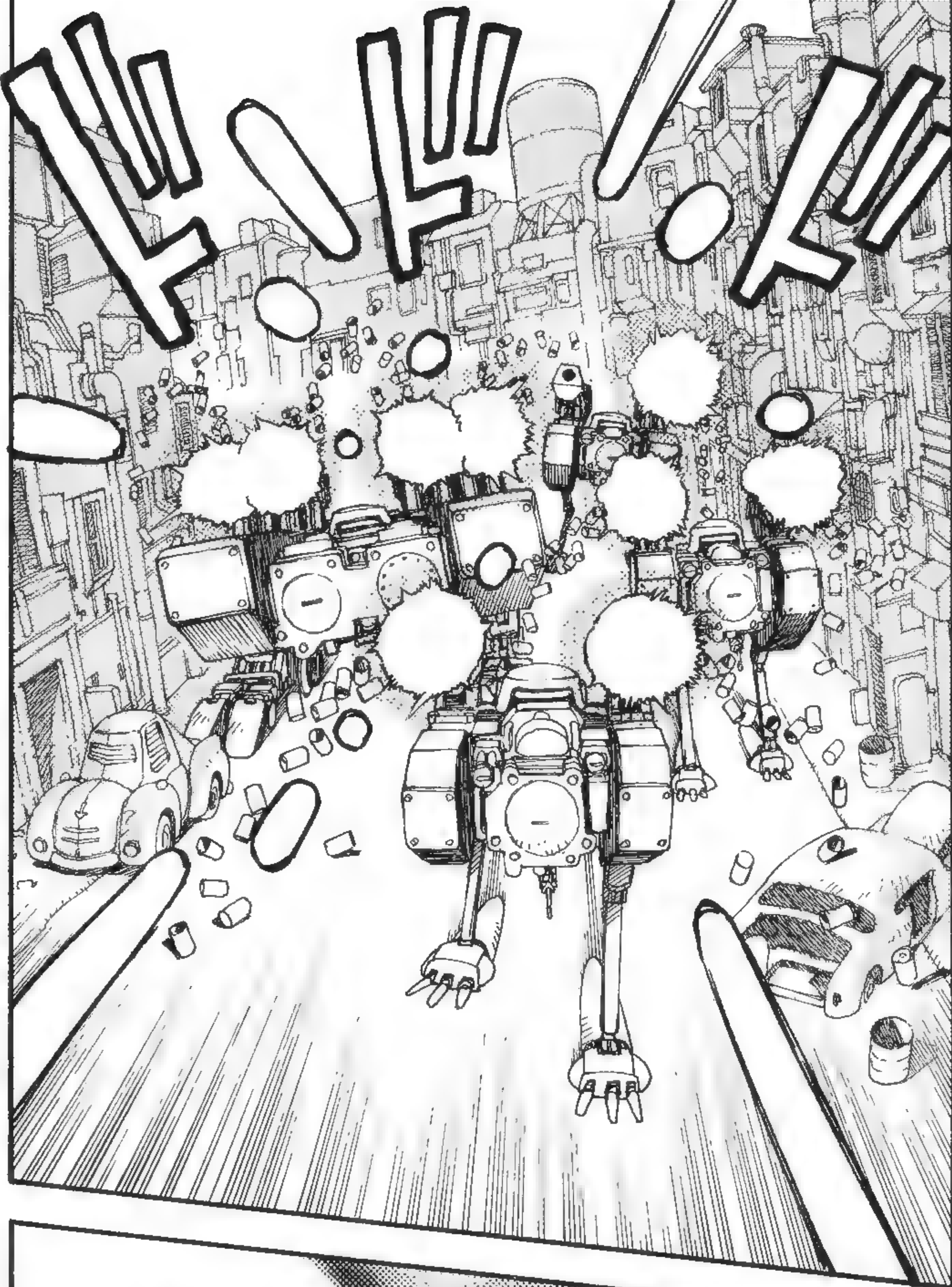








RRAAH!!

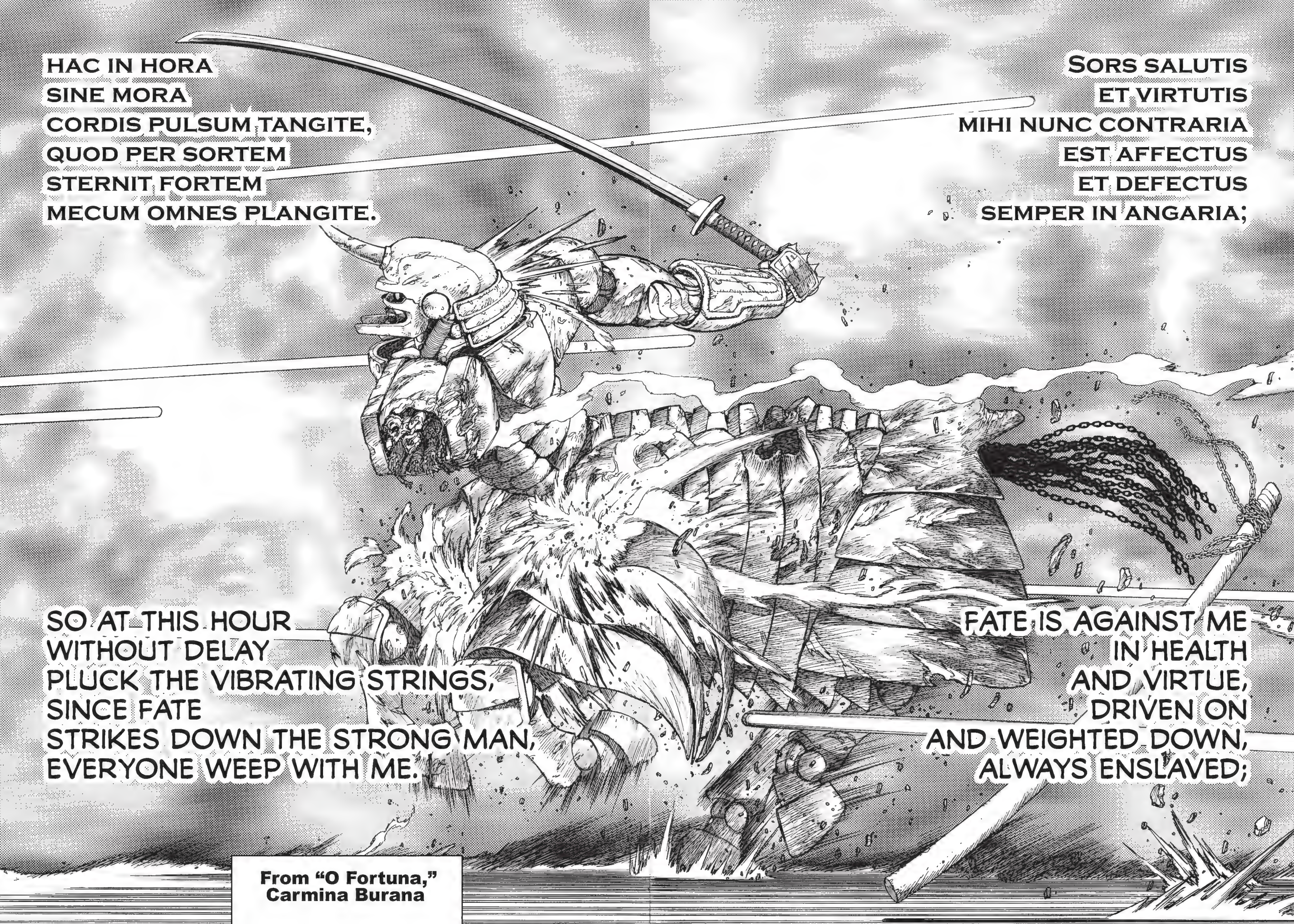


THE GIB'S
EXPLOSION
MUST HAVE
JOLTED THE
FLAGGING
DEFENSE
SYSTEM
BACK INTO
ACTIVITY!



I LIVE
BY THE
STEEL...

...AND
WILL DIE
BY THE
STEEL!!



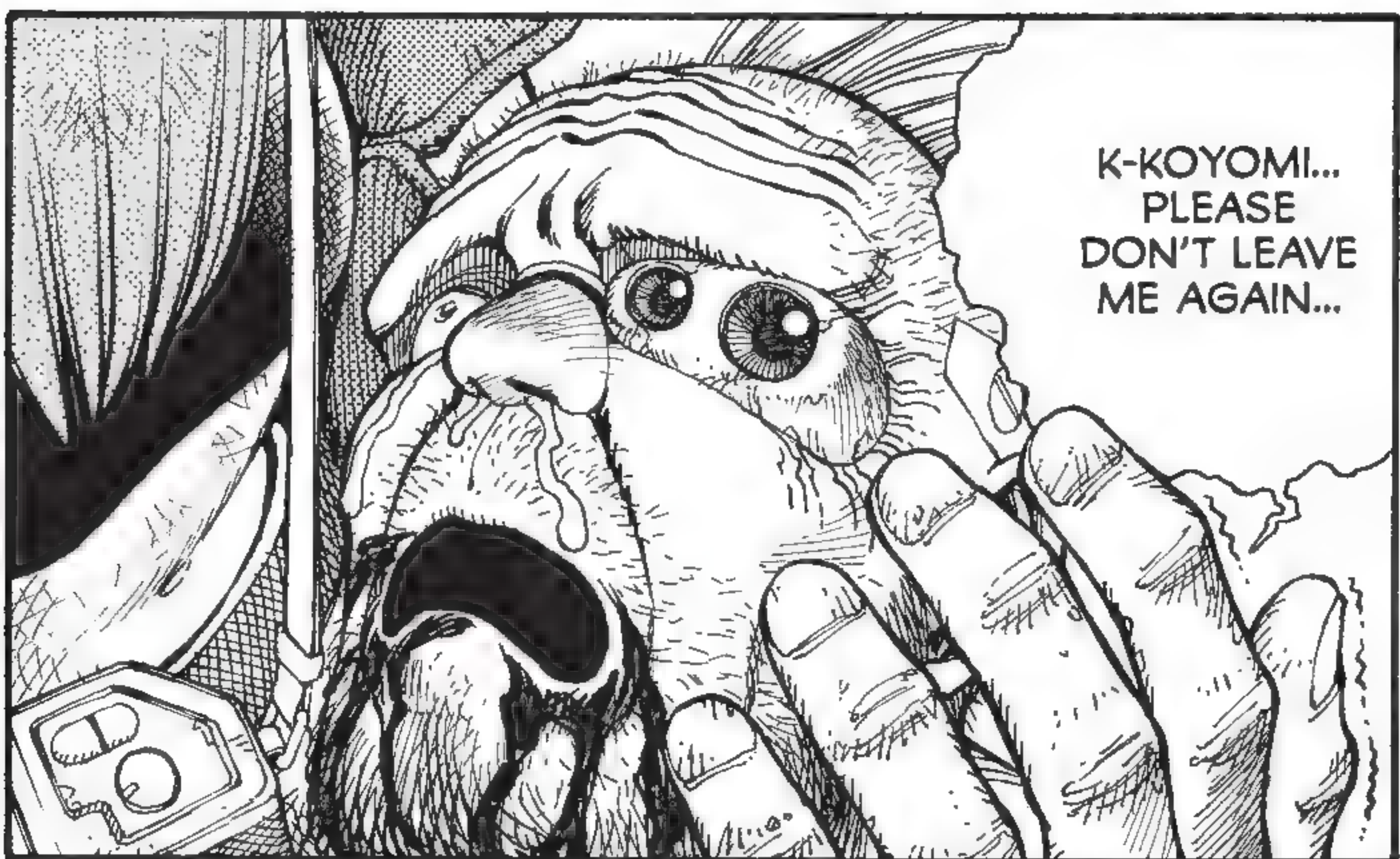
HAC IN HORA
SINE MORA
CORDIS PULSUM TANGITE,
QUOD PER SORTEM
STERNIT FORTEM
MECUM OMNES PLANGITE.

SORS SALUTIS
ET VIRTUTIS
MIHI NUNC CONTRARIA
EST AFFECTUS
ET DEFECTUS
SEMPER IN ANGARIA;

SO AT THIS HOUR
WITHOUT DELAY
PLUCK THE VIBRATING STRINGS,
SINCE FATE
STRIKES DOWN THE STRONG MAN,
EVERYONE WEEP WITH ME.

FATE IS AGAINST ME
IN HEALTH
AND VIRTUE,
DRIVEN ON
AND WEIGHTED DOWN,
ALWAYS ENSLAVED;

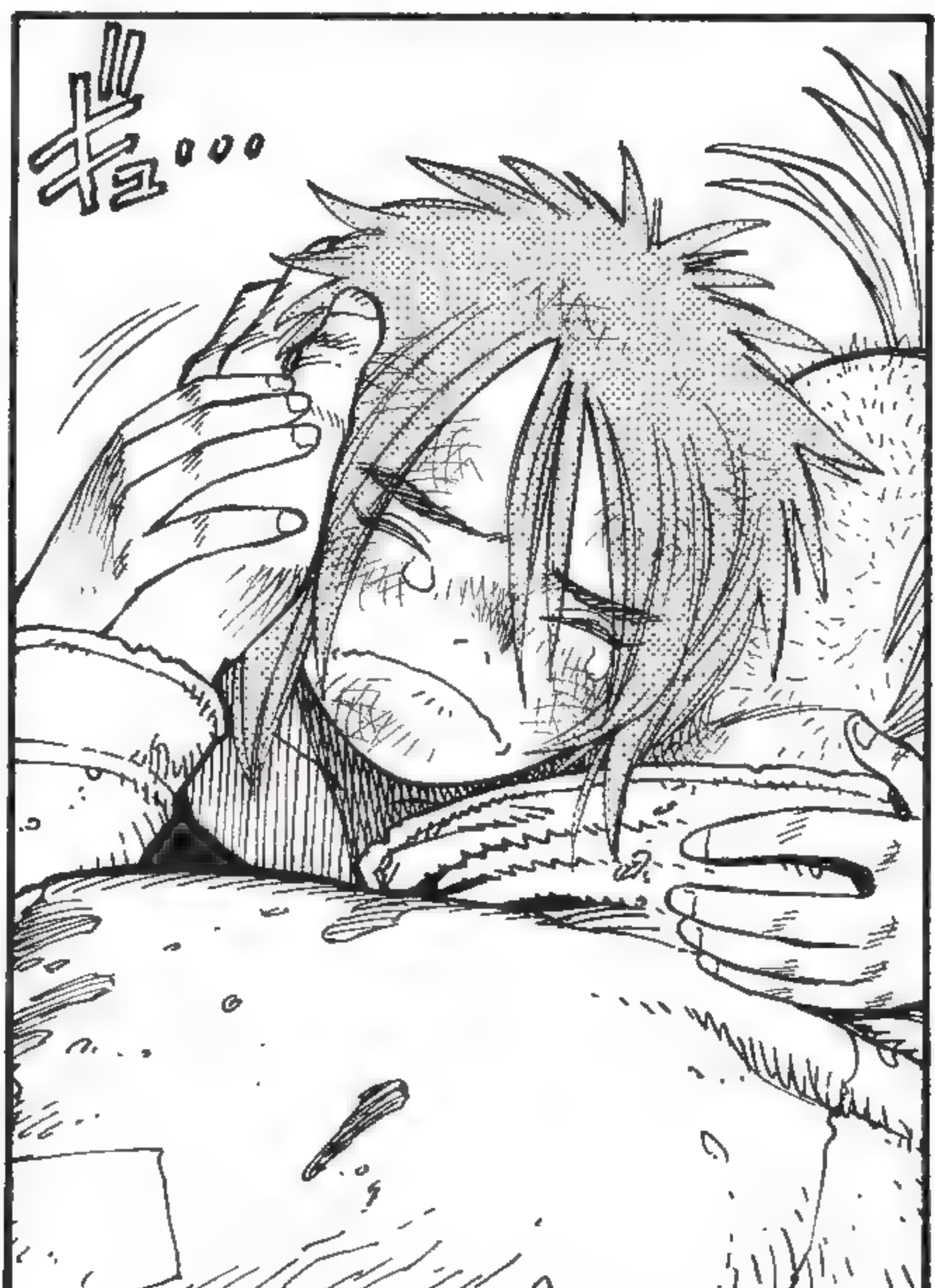
From "O Fortuna,"
Carmina Burana



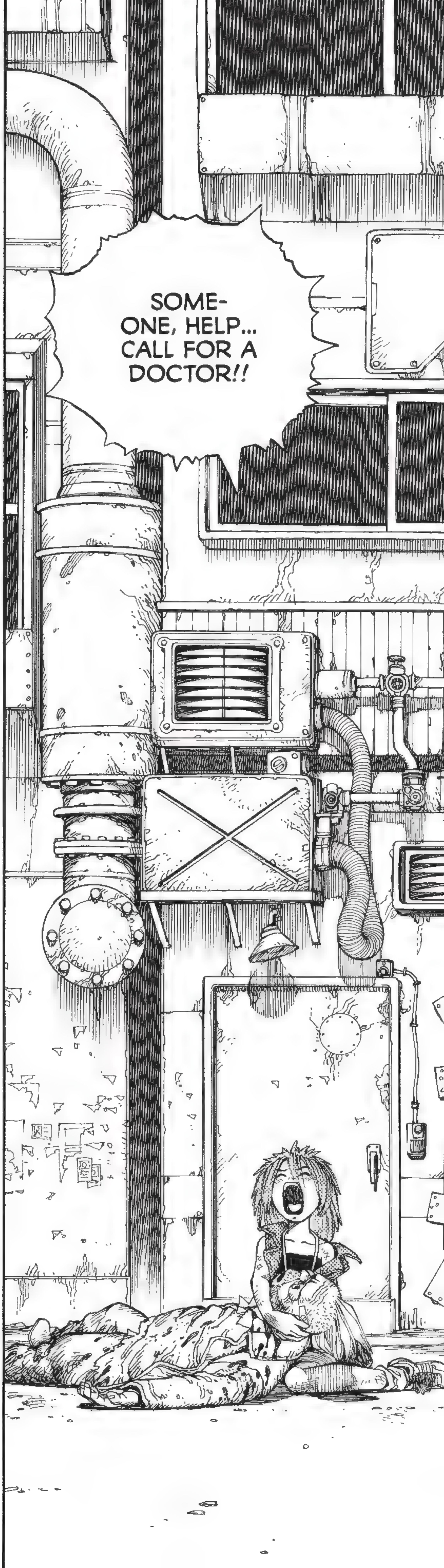
K-KOYOMI...
PLEASE
DON'T LEAVE
ME AGAIN...



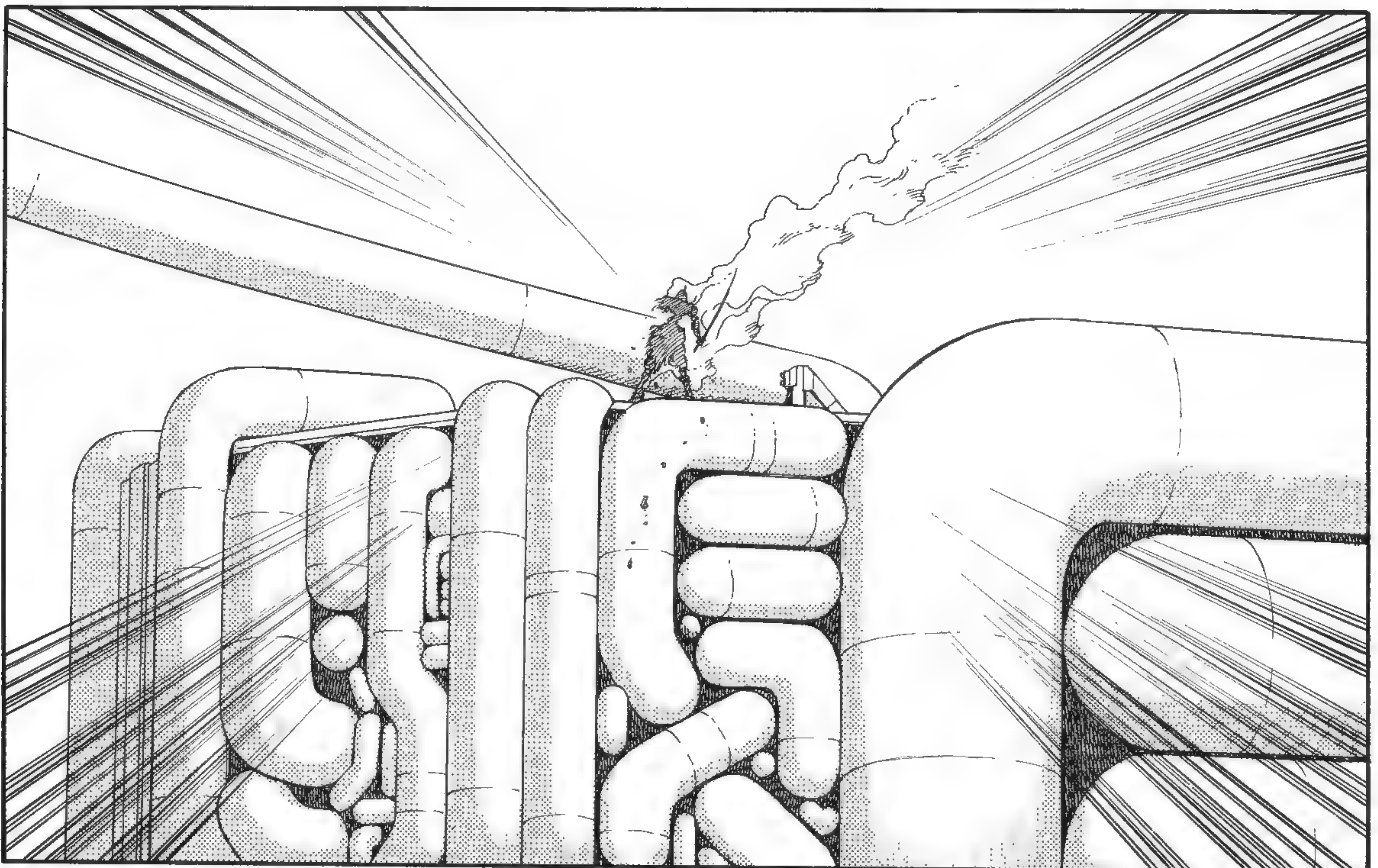
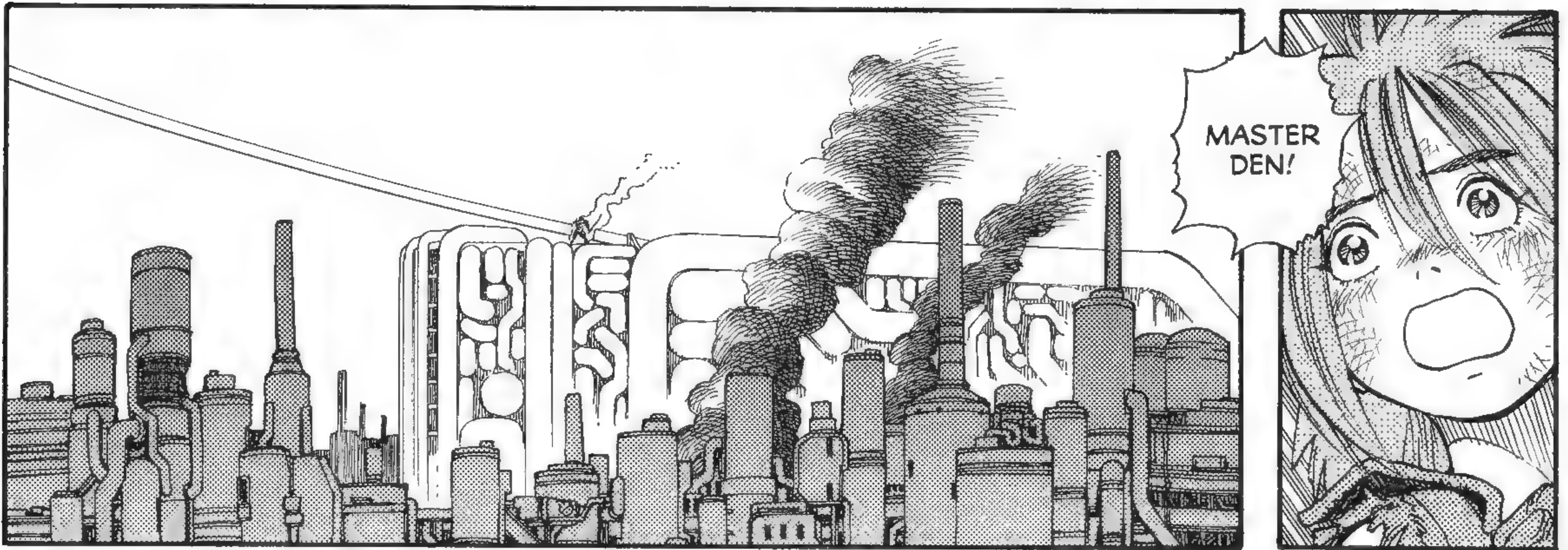
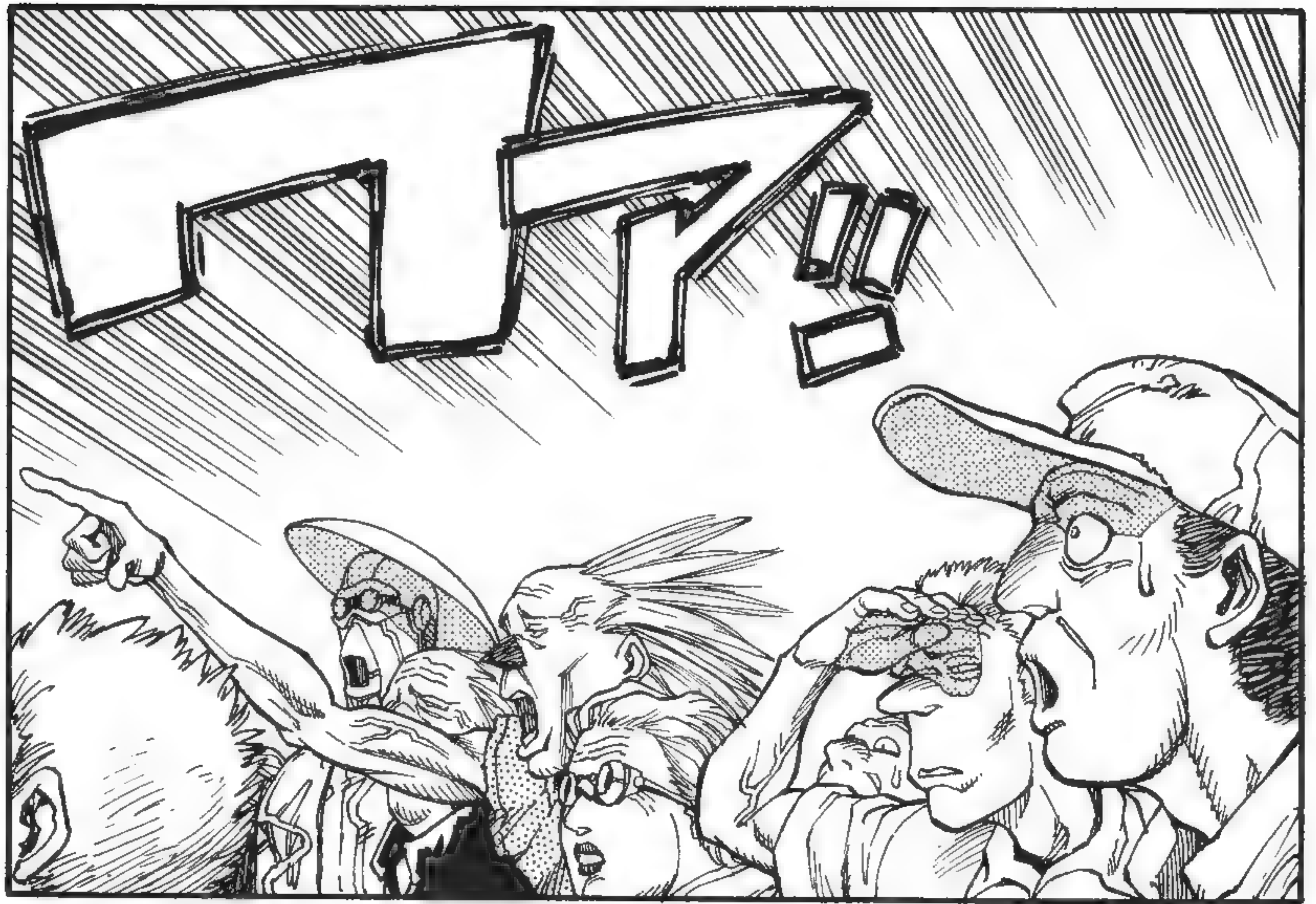
YOU
REEK OF
BOOZE...

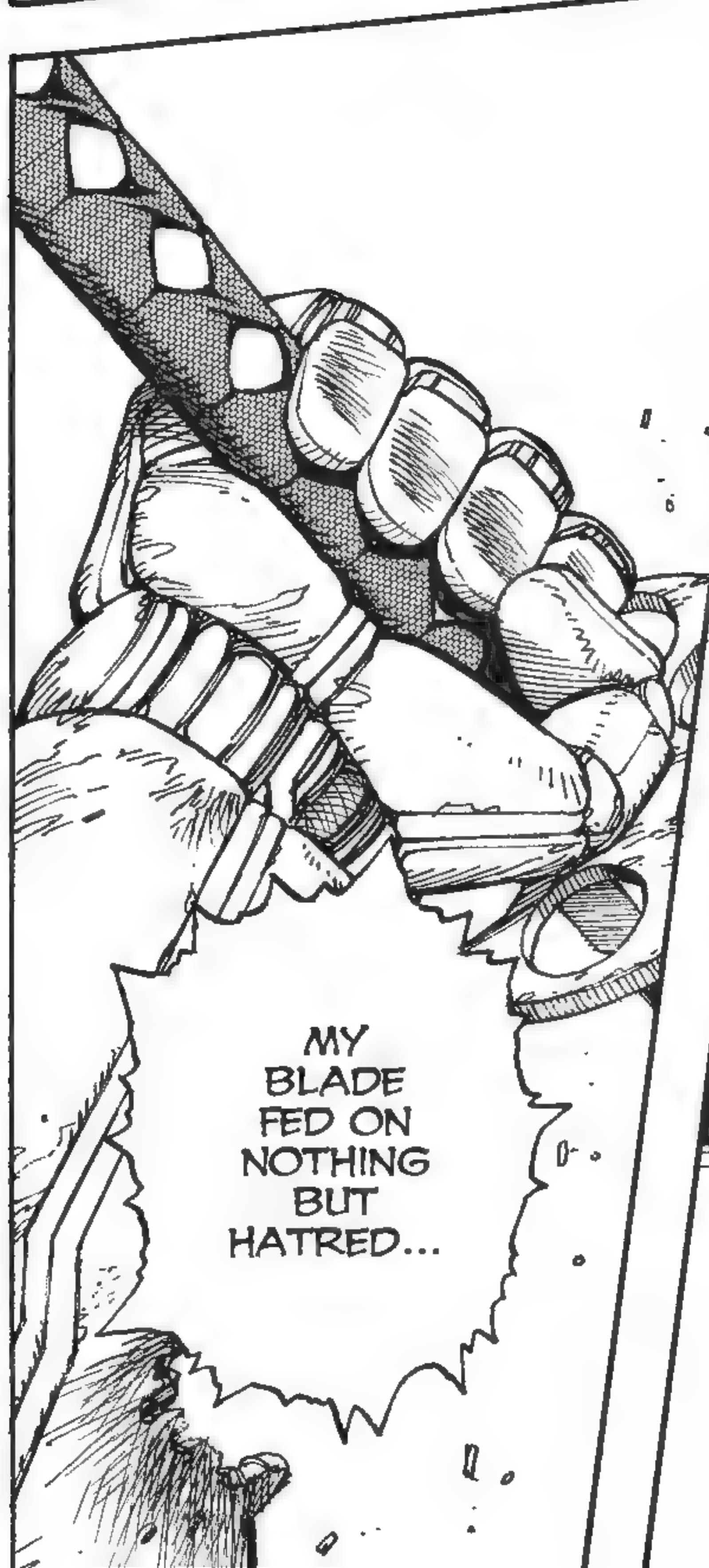


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お...



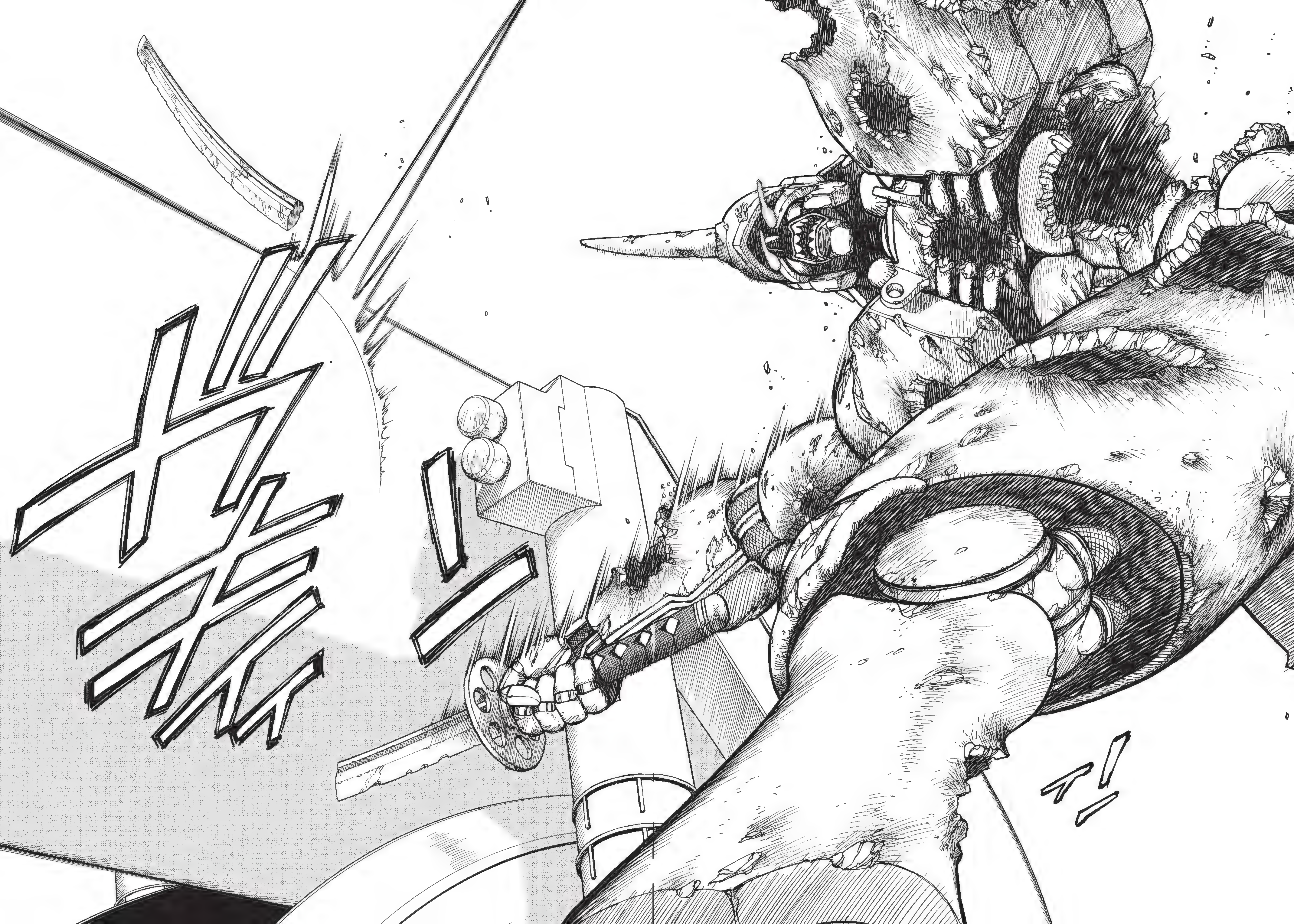
SOME-
ONE, HELP...
CALL FOR A
DOCTOR!!

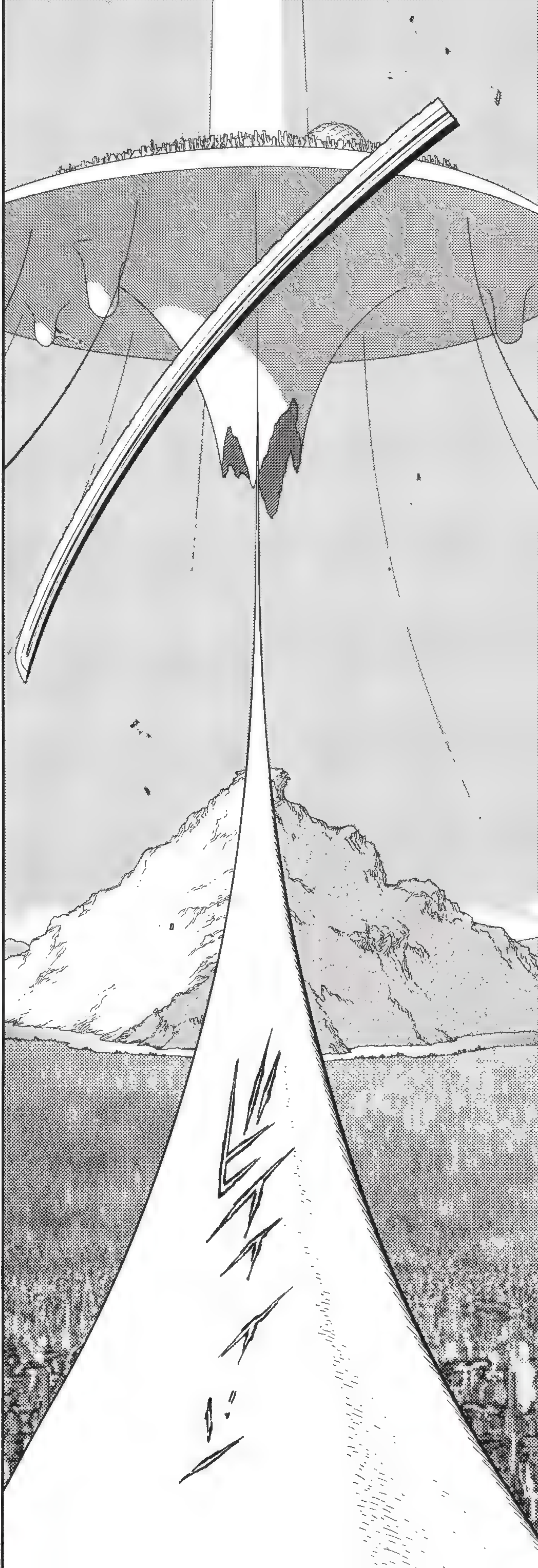
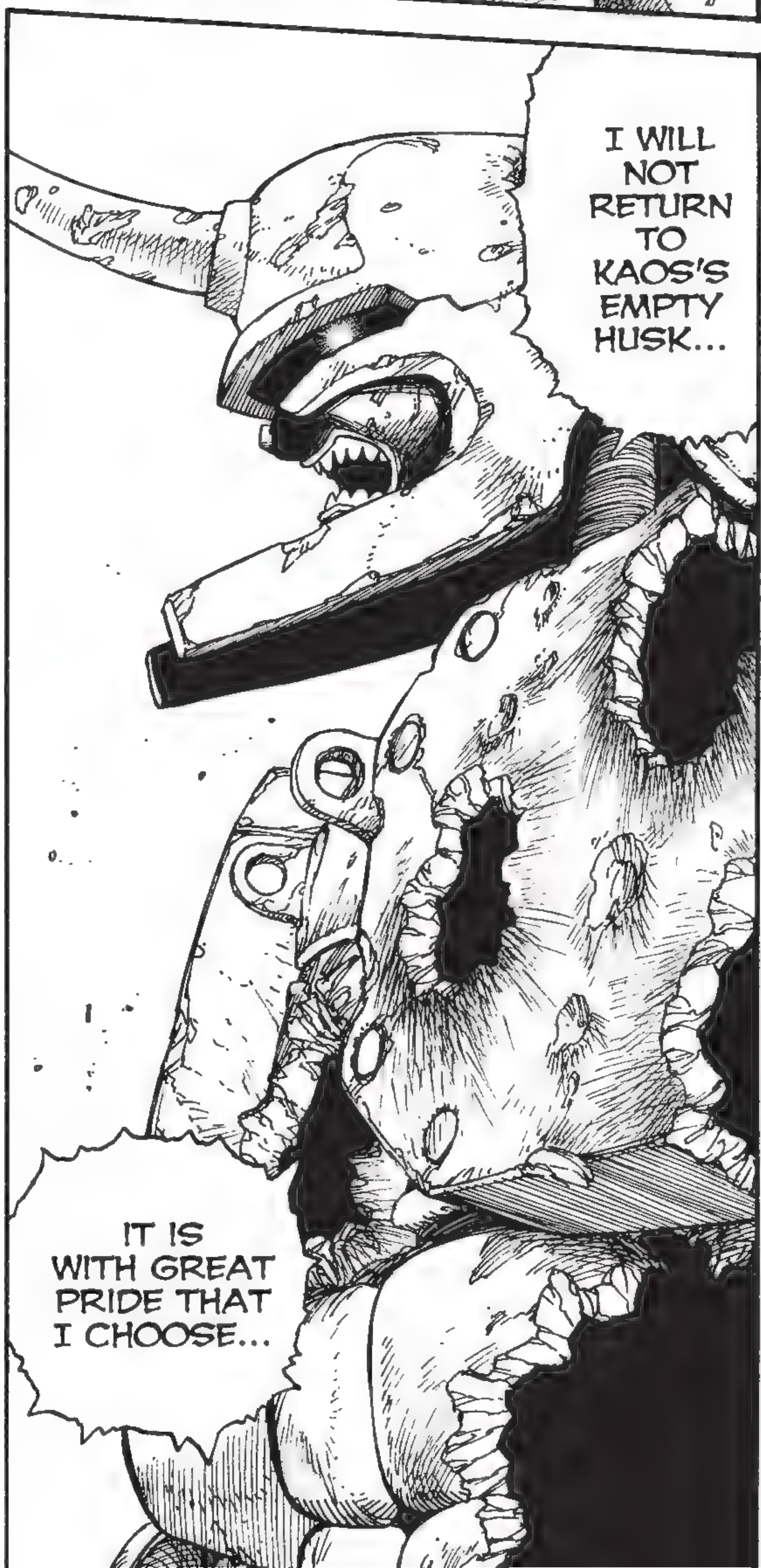


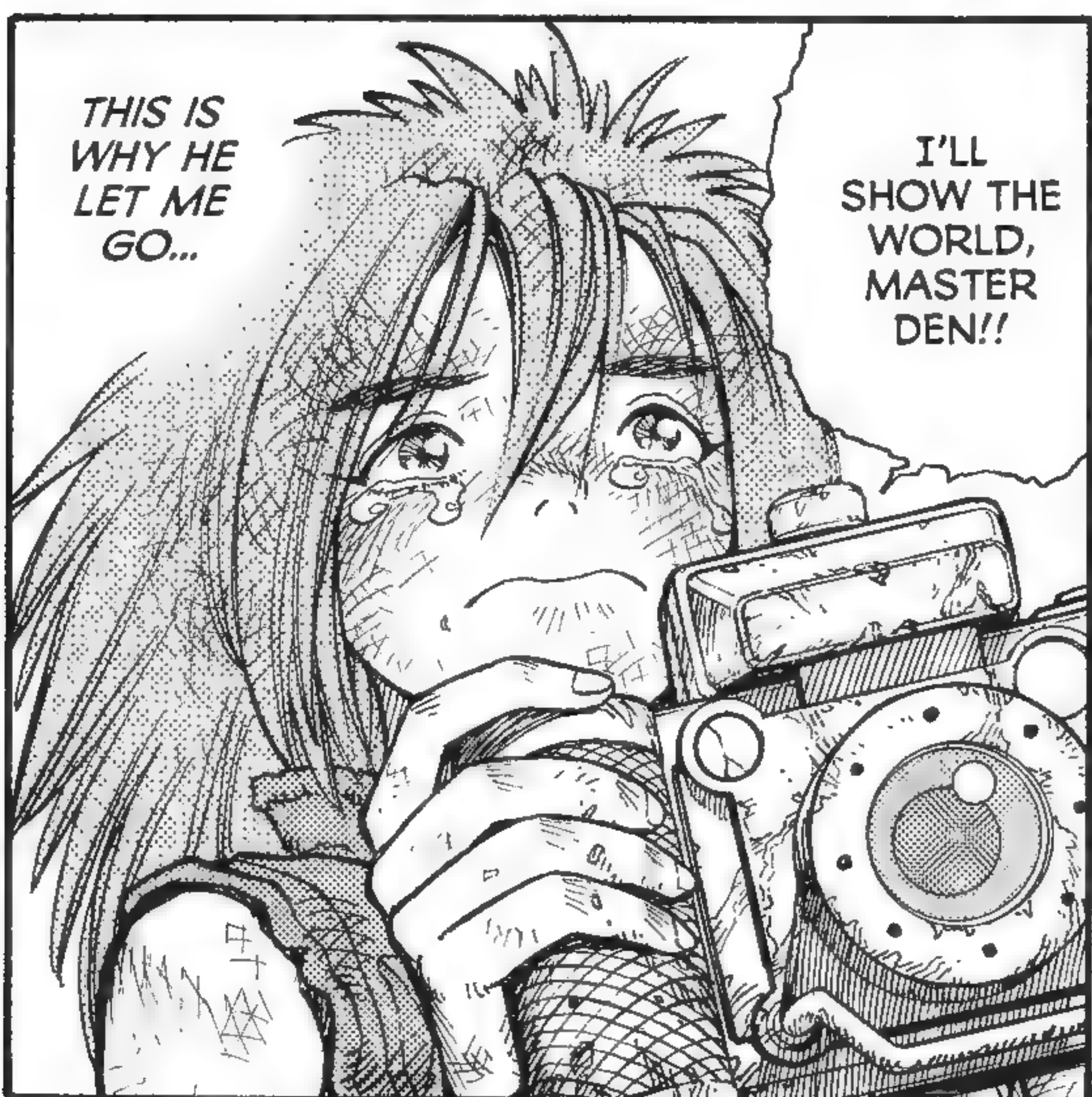
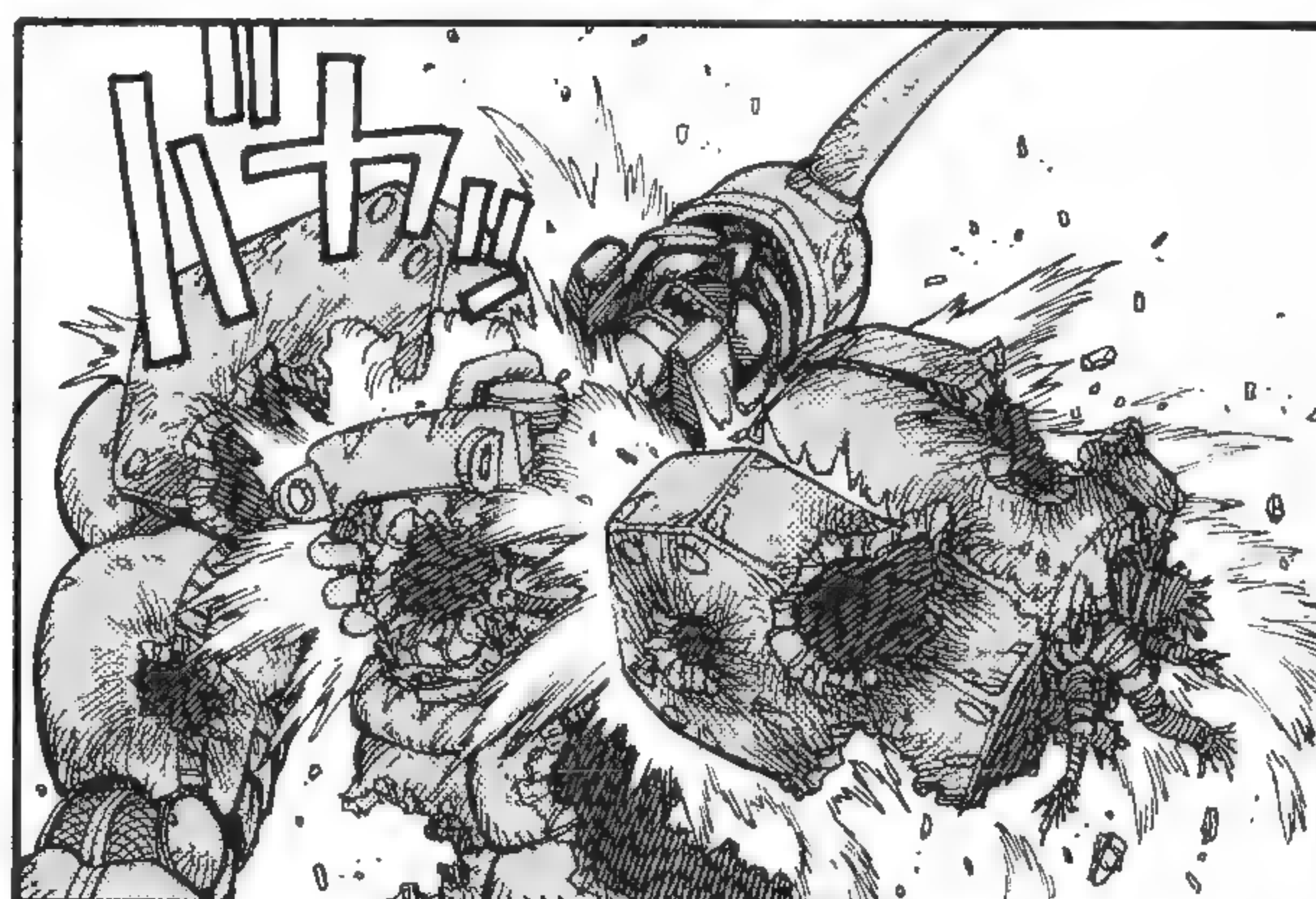
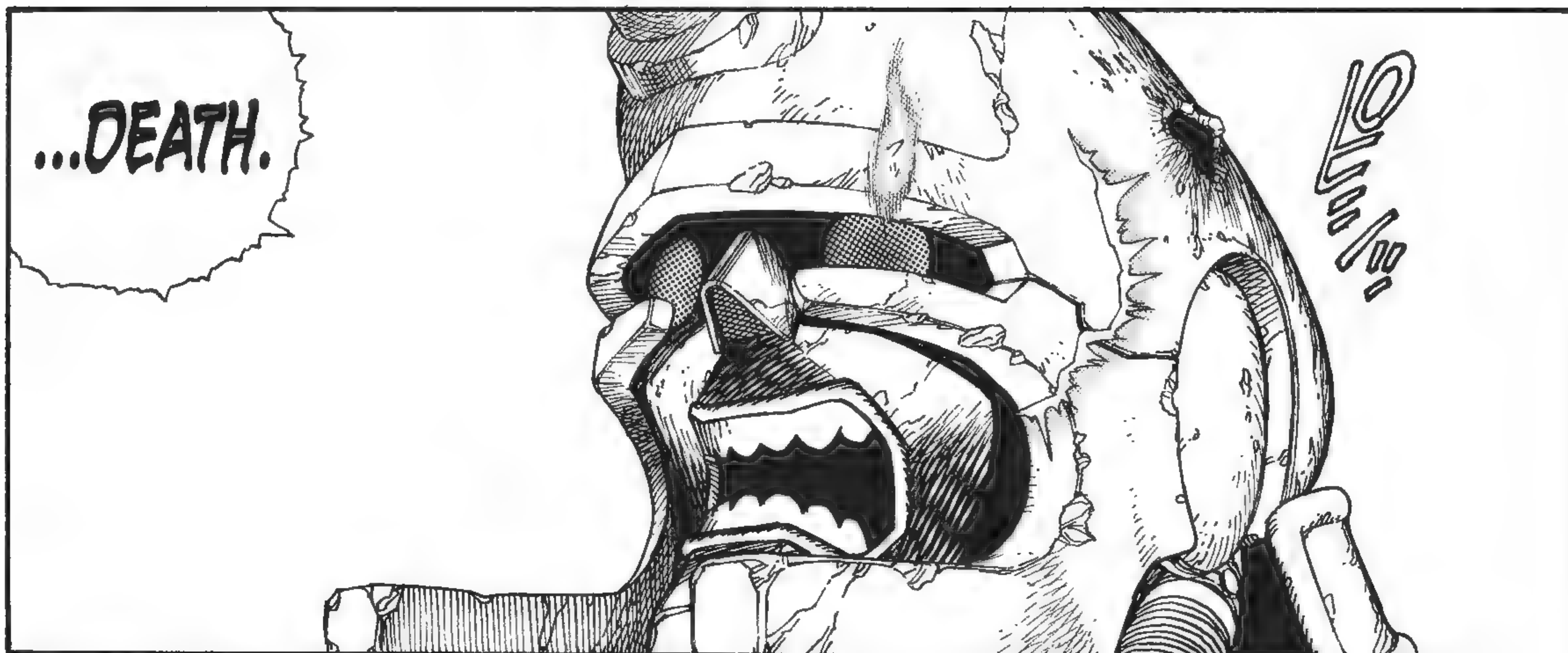


...AND
NOW
YOU
WILL
TASTE
IT!!



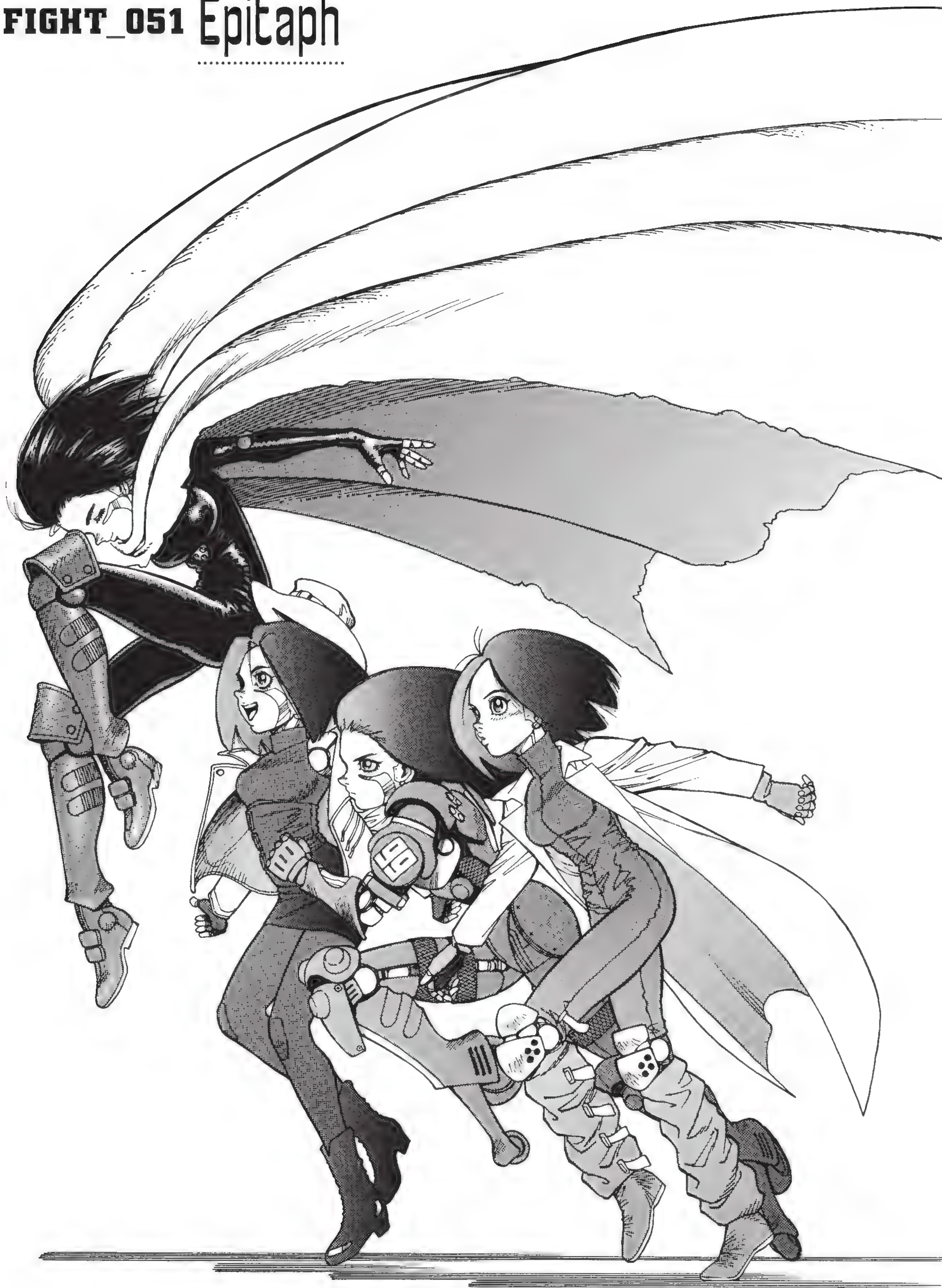








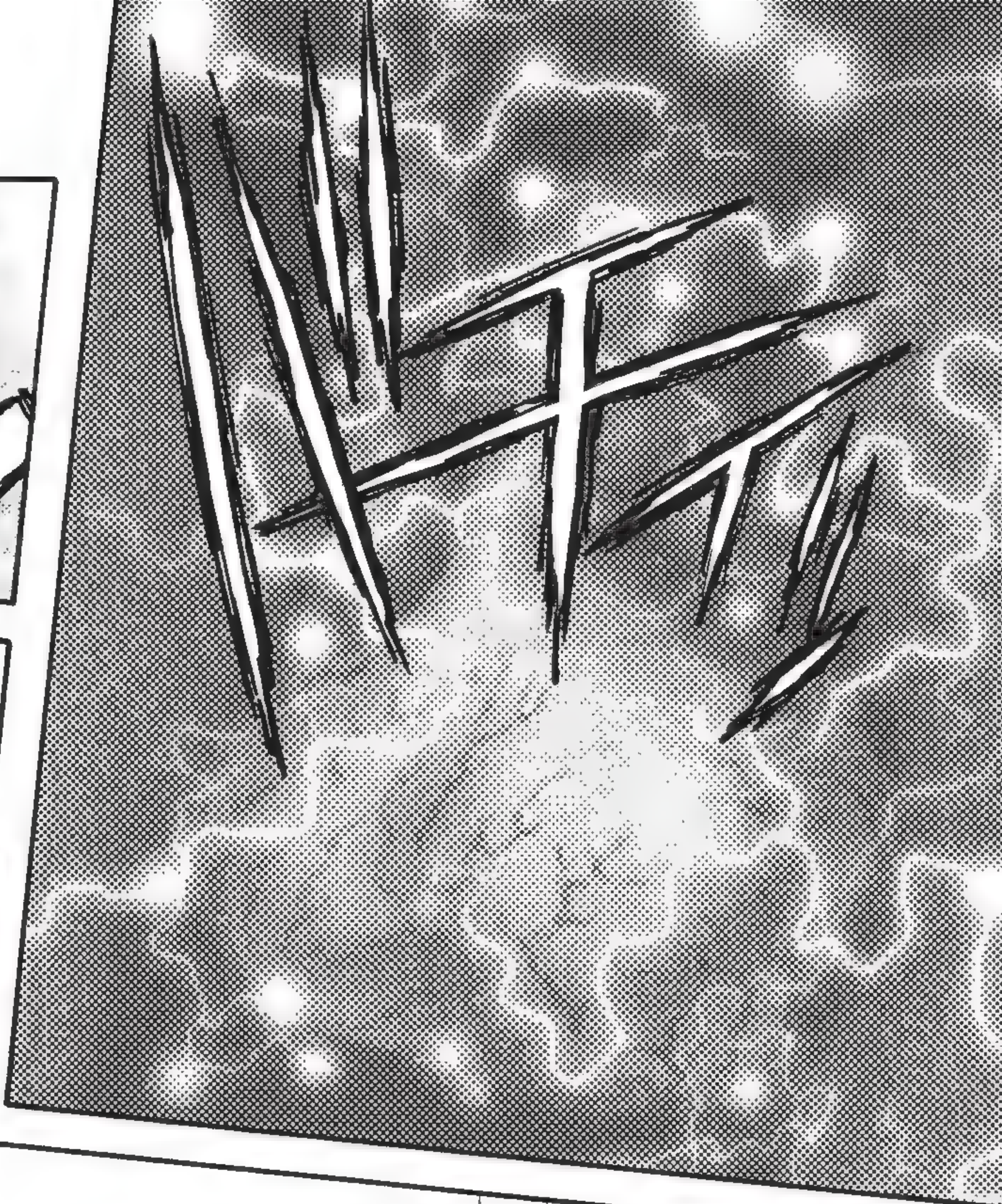
FIGHT_051 Epitaph





KOFF,
KOFF!

URGH!



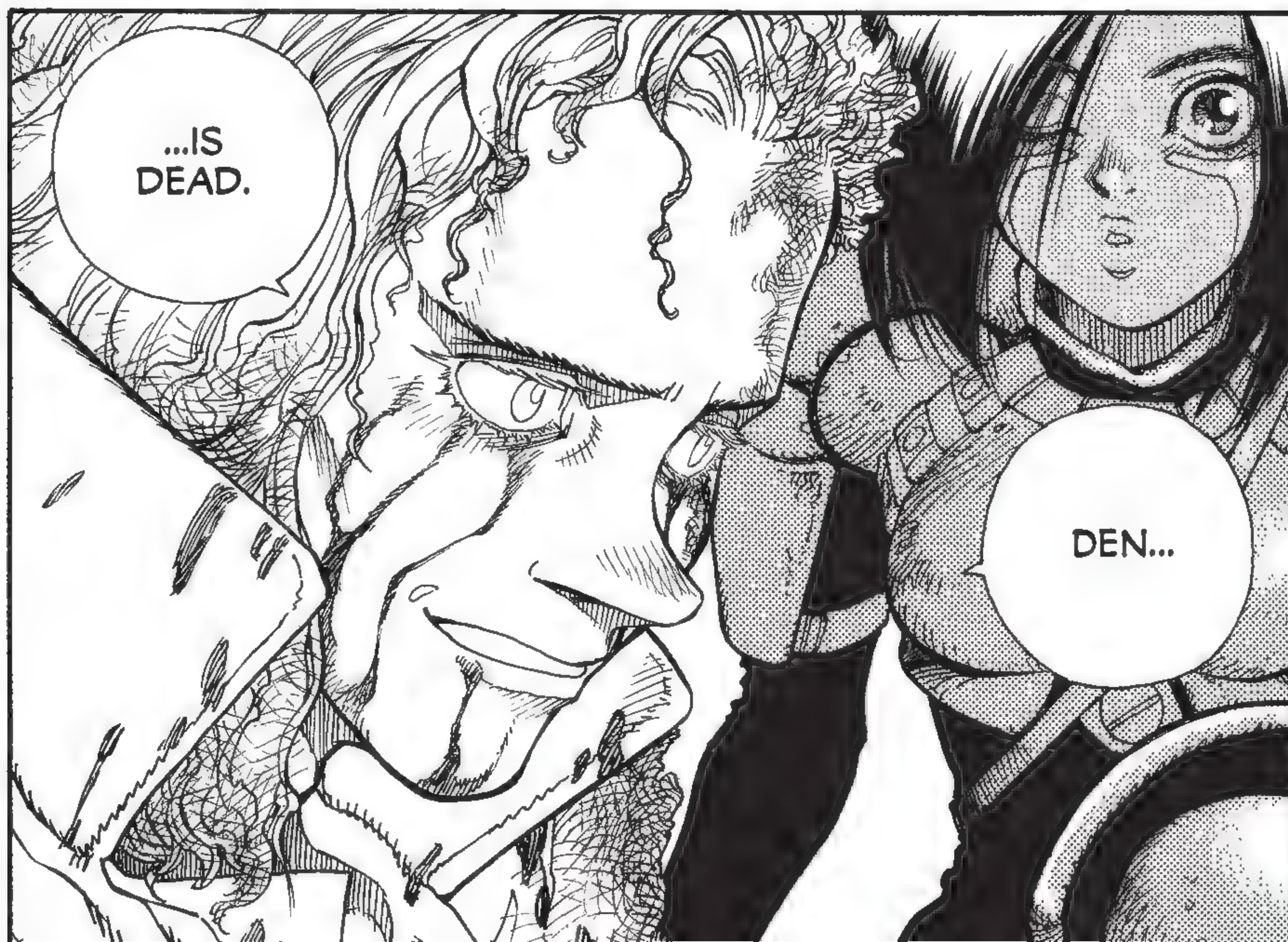
ARE WE
IN...THE
GRANITE
INN?

HUFF!

HUFF!

ALITA...

HANG IN
THERE,
KAOS!



...IS
DEAD.

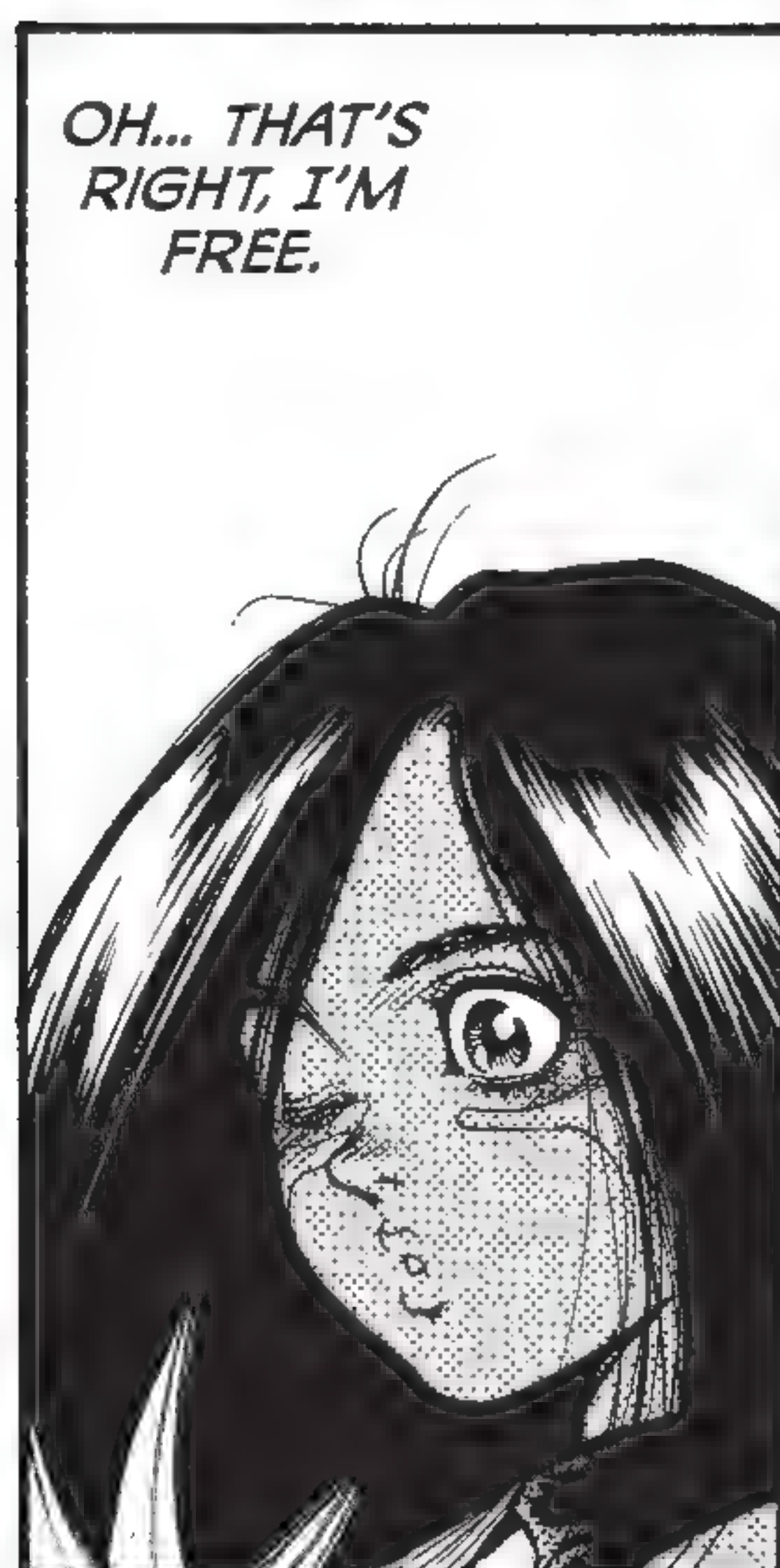
DEN...



HAS HE
TURNED
INTO
DEN?!

WAIT...
YOU
CAN
SPEAK
AGAIN?!







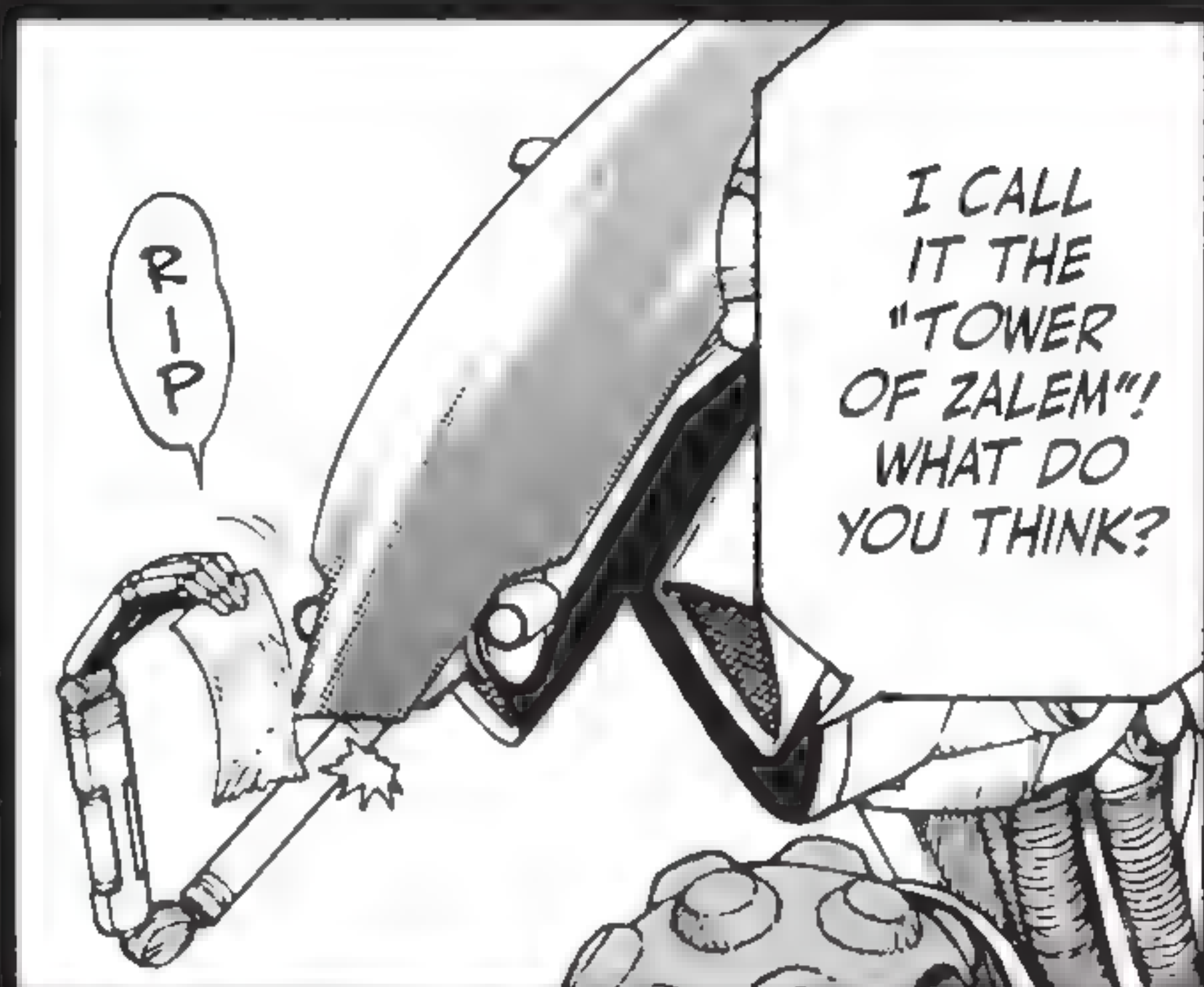
THAT
MEANS
A PERM-
ANENT
CONNEC-
TION
BETWEEN
THE TWO...

ULTIMATELY,
I THINK THE
PROBLEM IS
THAT PEOPLE
CAN'T COME
AND GO
BETWEEN
ZALEM
AND THE
SURFACE.



IT'S KEPT
ME UP AT
NIGHT, TRYING
TO THINK OF
A WAY TO
CONTRIBUTE
TO A PEACEFUL
UNDERSTAND-
ING BETWEEN
SIDES...

I WAS
REALLY
MOVED BY
YOUR FINAL
"RADIO
K.A.O.S."
SHOW.



I CALL
IT THE
"TOWER
OF ZALEM"!
WHAT DO
YOU THINK?



A-ARE
YOU SURE YOU
WON'T GET IN
TROUBLE FOR
SUGGESTING
THIS? YOU'RE
A ZALEMITE.



IF THE
DIRECTOR
FINDS OUT,
HE'LL DO
MORE
THAN FIRE
ME!

OH,
IT'S OUR
LITTLE
SECRET
FOR
NOW.

TEE
HEE!



...OR IN OTHER
WORDS, THE
CONSTRUCTION
OF A TOWER
THAT IS 2,500
METERS TALL.

THE SIMULATIONS
SHOW THAT USING
ALL OF THE SCRAP
MATERIALS THERE,
IT SHOULD BE QUITE
POSSIBLE USING THE
LOCAL BUILDING
METHODS!



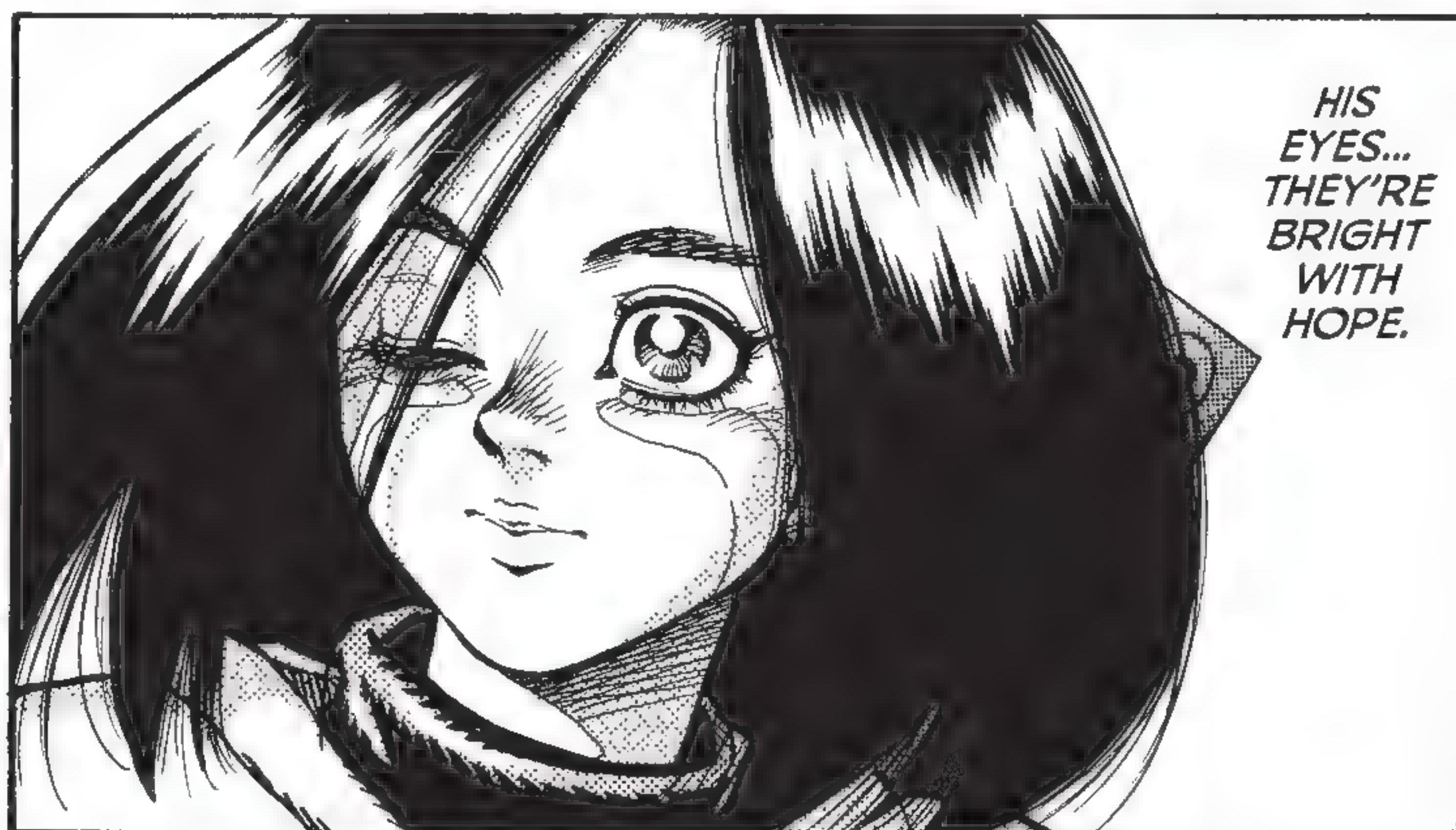
...BUT I THINK
IT'S WORTH
TRYING!!

I
DON'T KNOW
HOW MANY
DECADES...OR
CENTURIES
IT'LL TAKE...

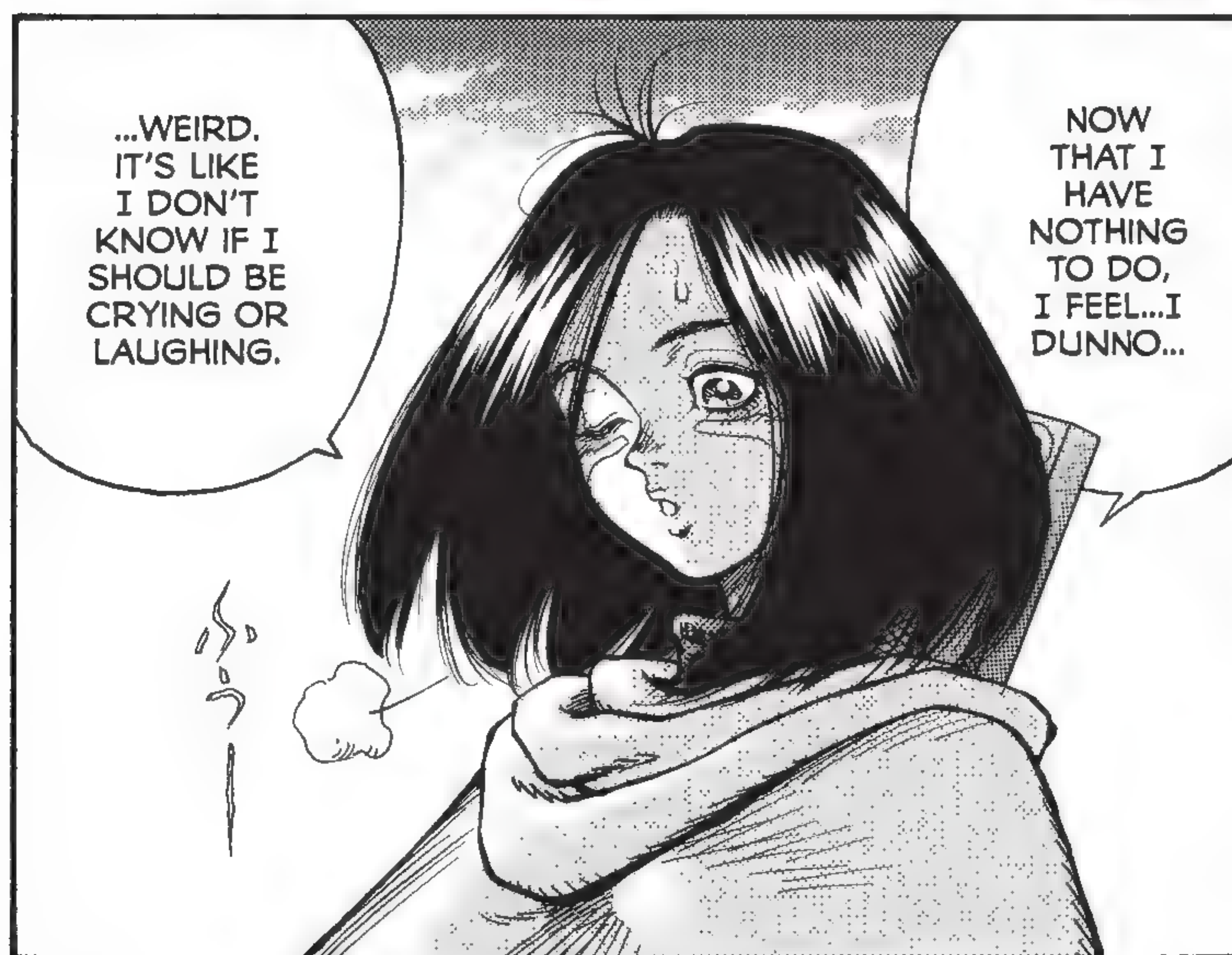


MAYBE
SOME DAY...
WHEN I
FEEL LIKE
IT.

SO
COME
WITH
ME,
ALITA!



HIS
EYES...
THEY'RE
BRIGHT
WITH
HOPE.



...WEIRD.
IT'S LIKE
I DON'T
KNOW IF I
SHOULD BE
CRYING OR
LAUGHING.

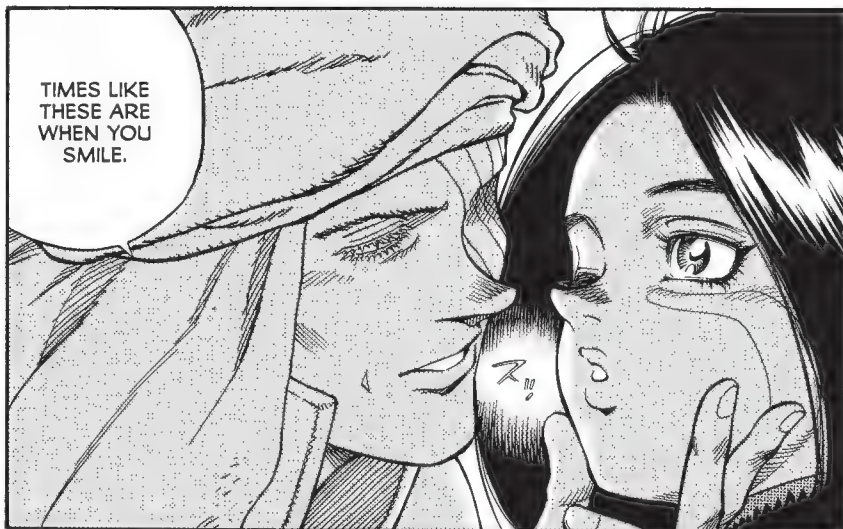
NOW
THAT I
HAVE
NOTHING
TO DO,
I FEEL...I
DUNNO...



BUT FOR
NOW, I'M
GOING TO
HEAD TO THE
WEST FOR
A FISHING
VILLAGE, SO
I CAN SEE
FIGURE
AGAIN.

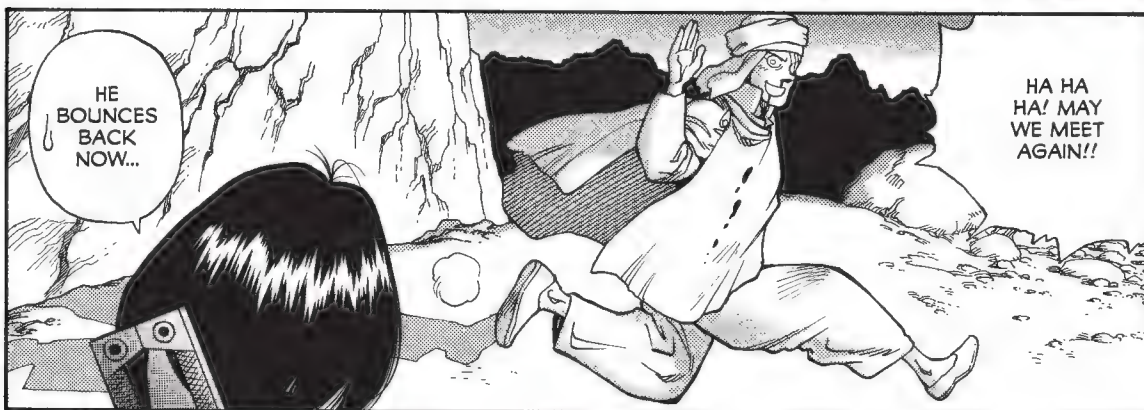
WHAP

TIMES LIKE
THESE ARE
WHEN YOU
SMILE.



HE
BOUNCES
BACK
NOW...

HA HA
HA! MAY
WE MEET
AGAIN!!



LET'S
GO!

GEK!

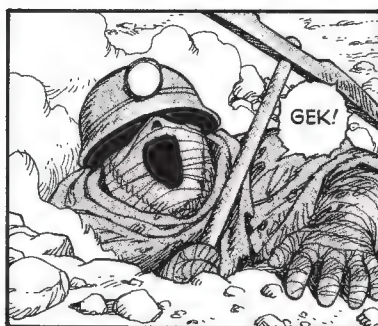
GEK!

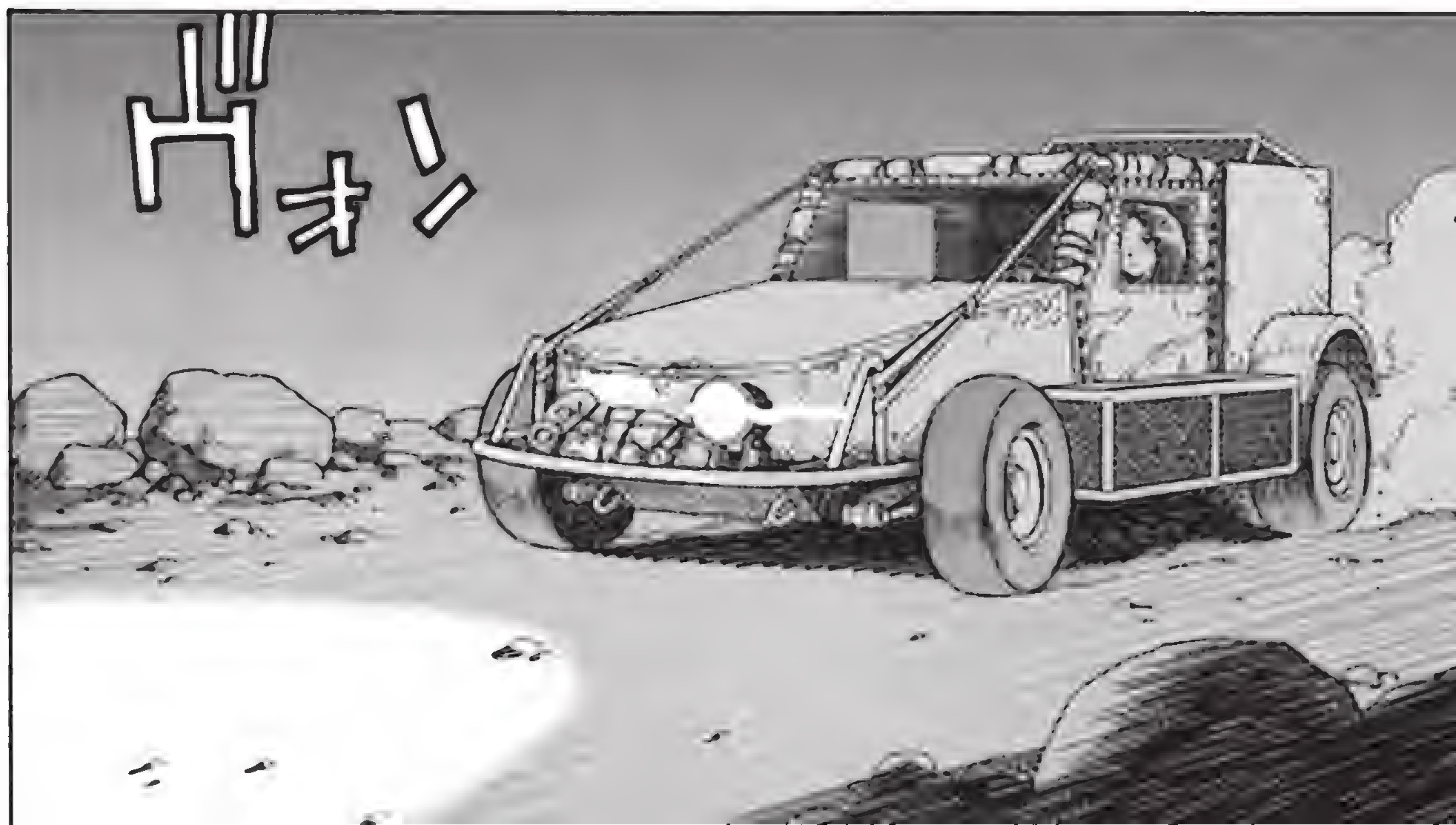


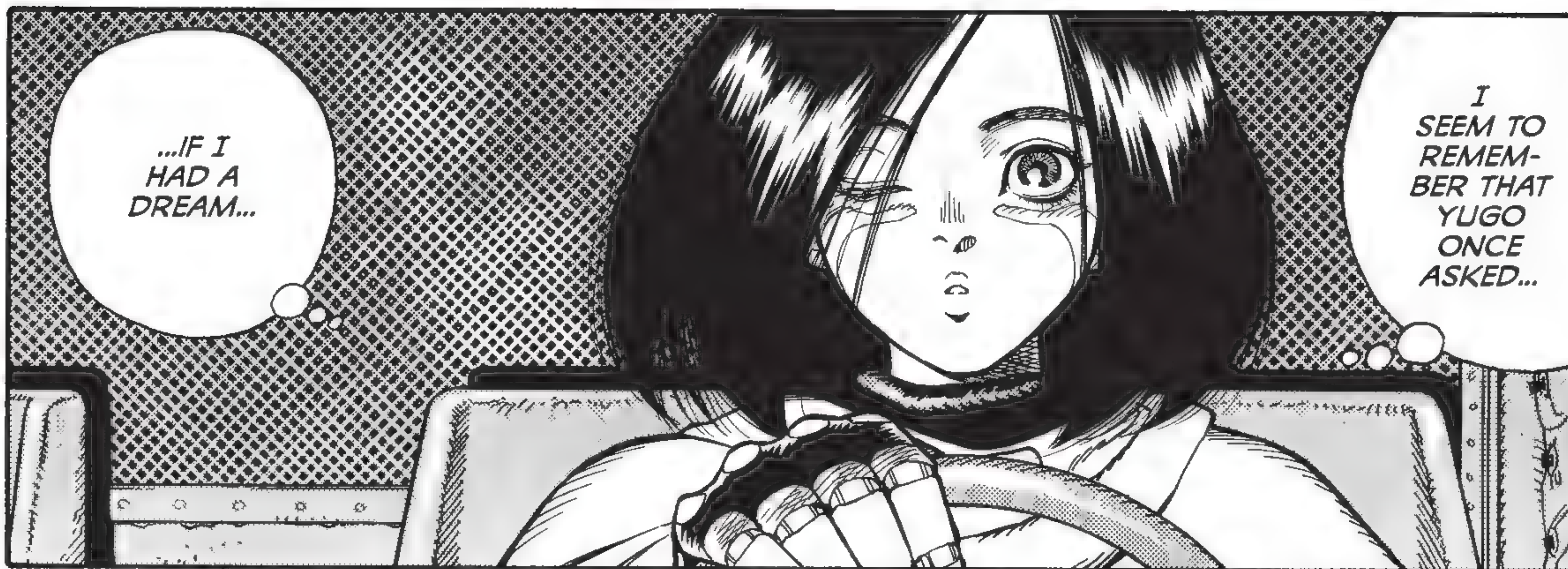
CRUK



GEK!





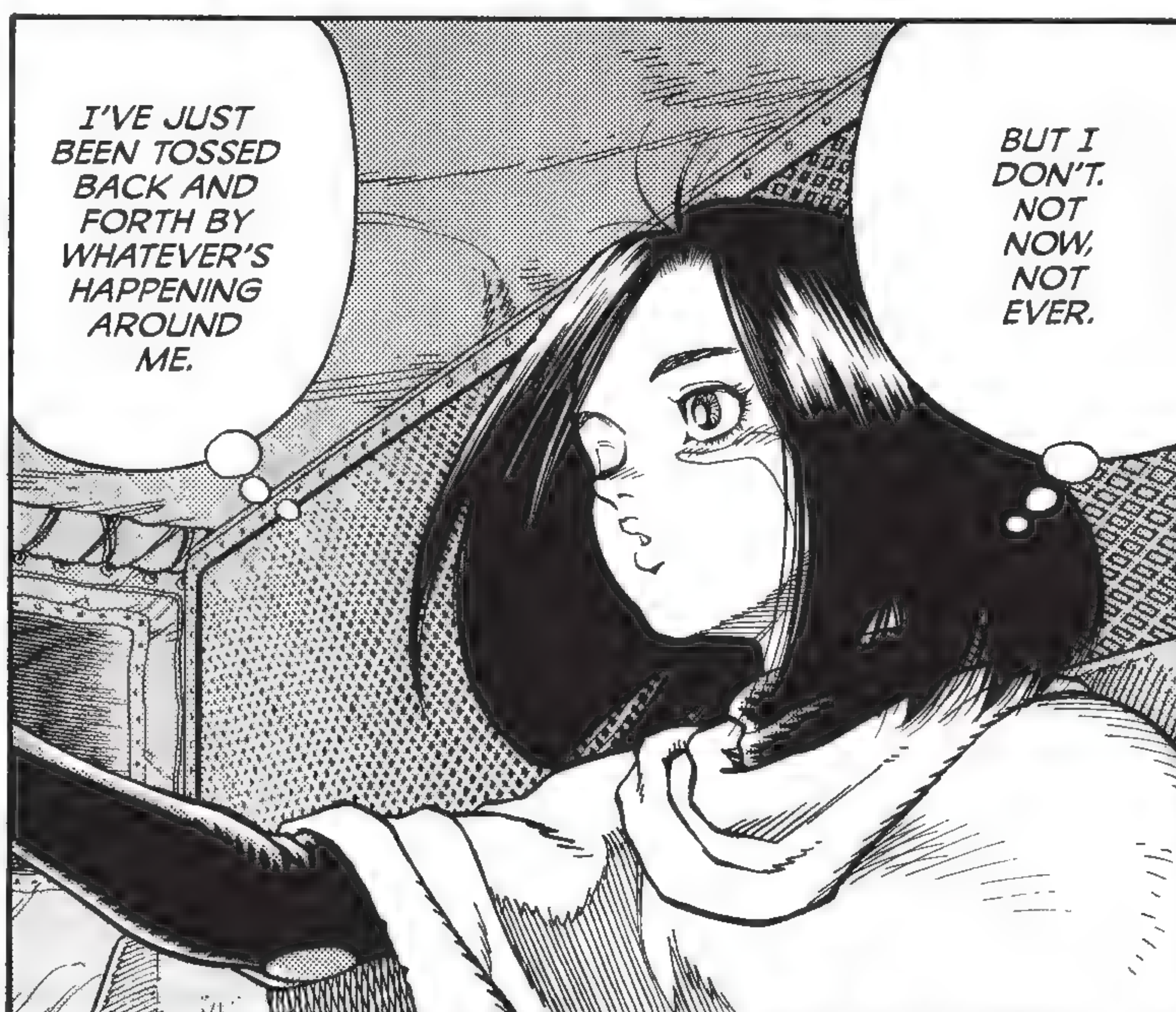


...IF I
HAD A
DREAM...

I
SEEM TO
REMEM-
BER THAT
YUGO
ONCE
ASKED...



IT FEELS...
EMPTY...



I'VE JUST
BEEN TOSSED
BACK AND
FORTH BY
WHATEVER'S
HAPPENING
AROUND
ME.

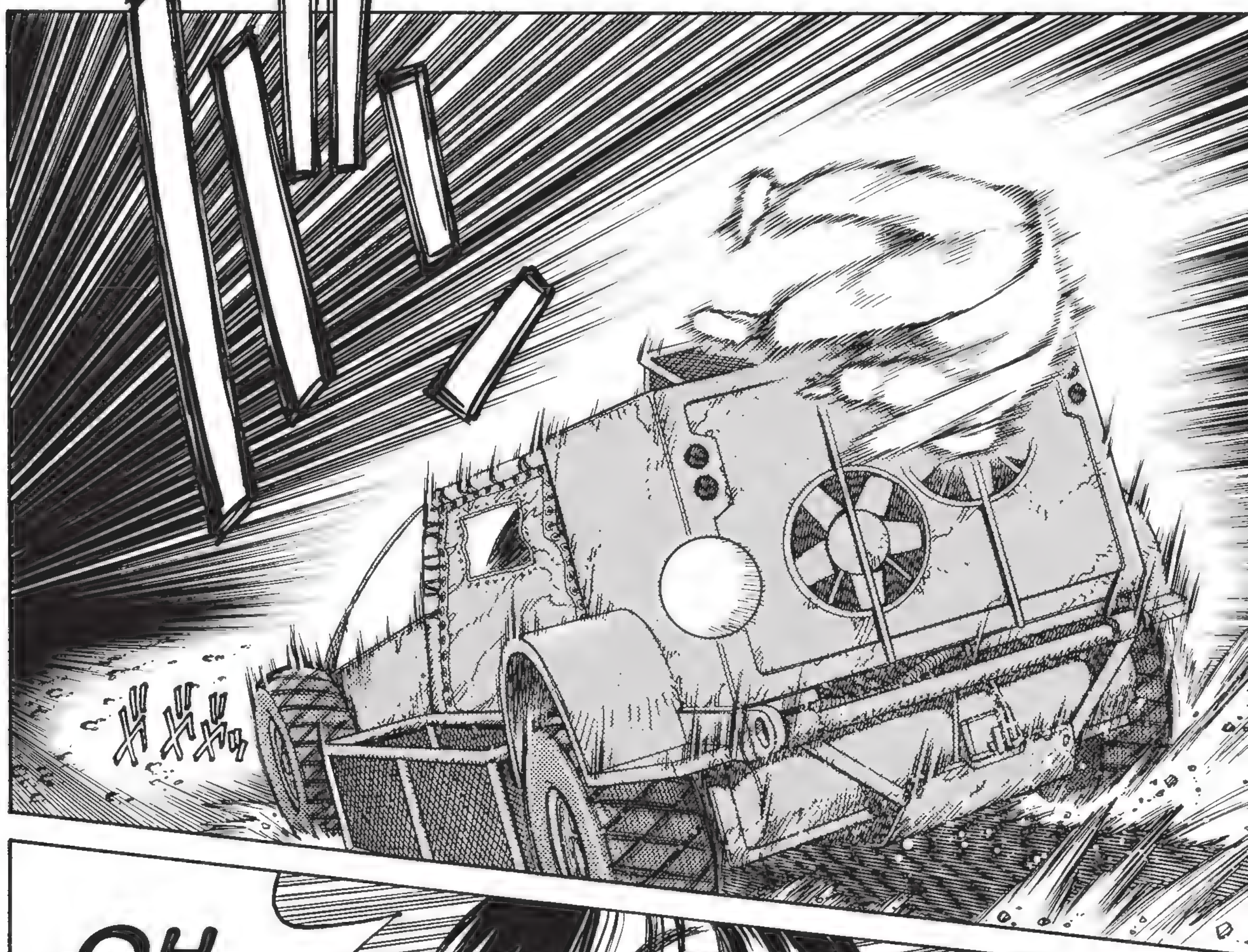
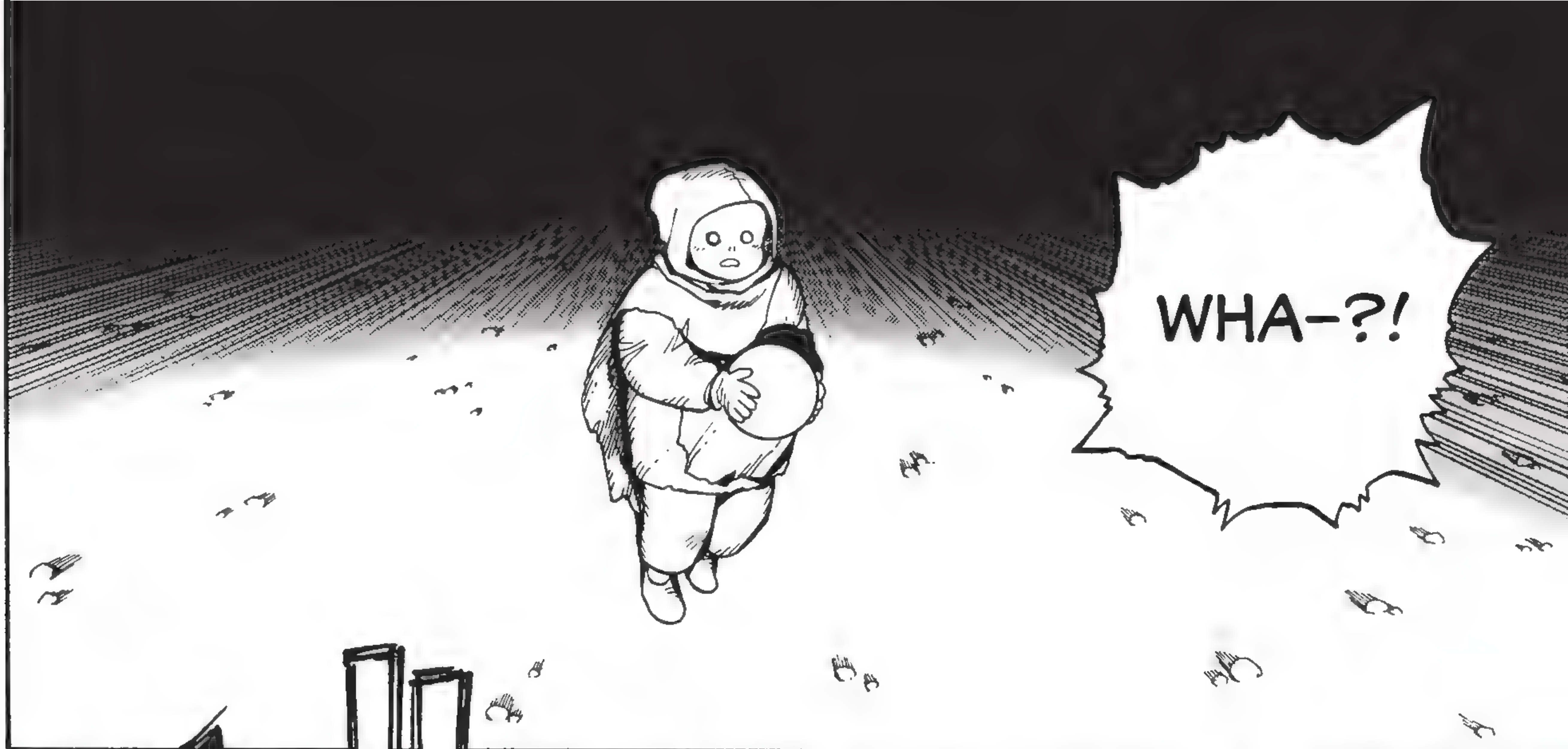
BUT I
DON'T.
NOT
NOW,
NOT
EVER.

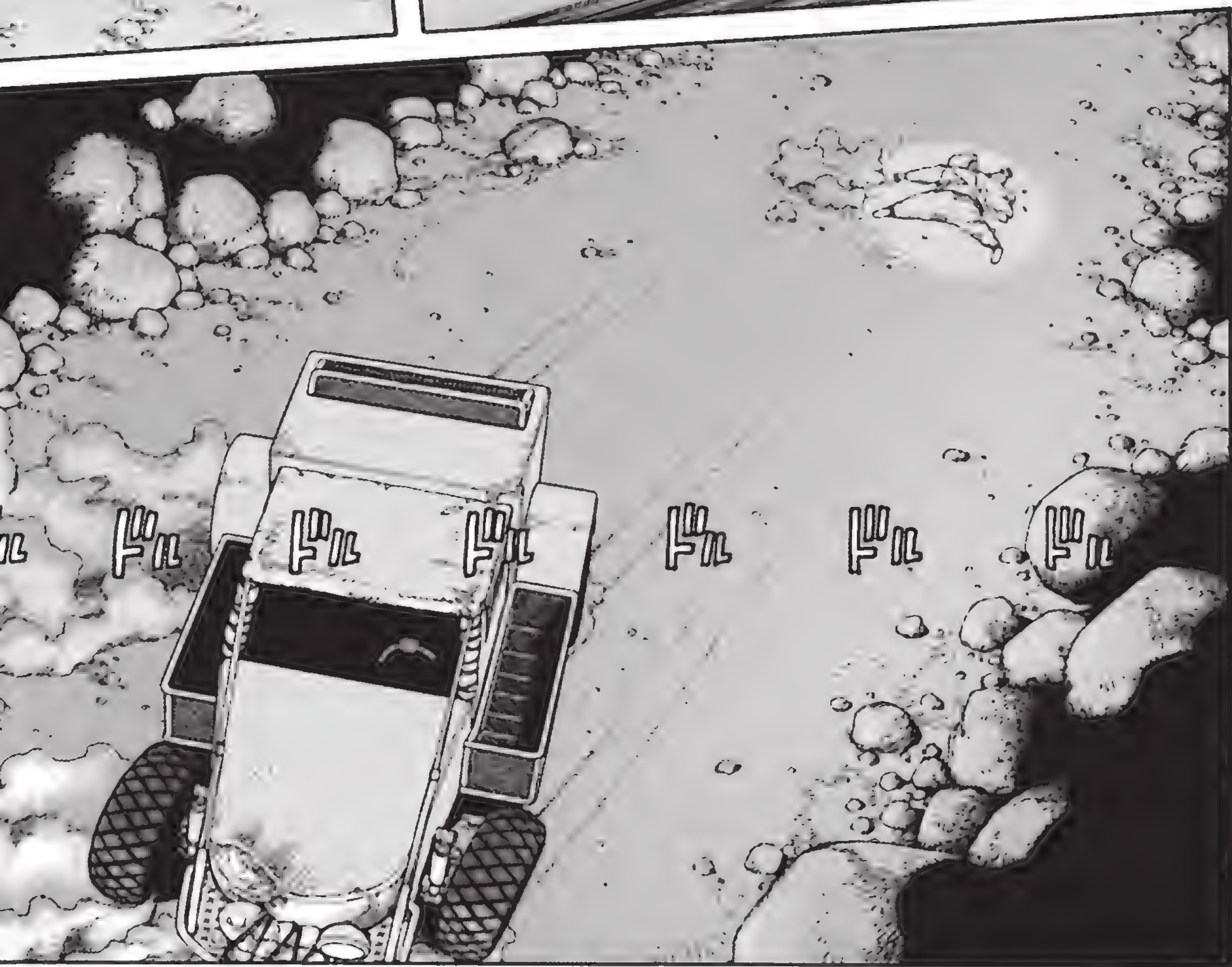


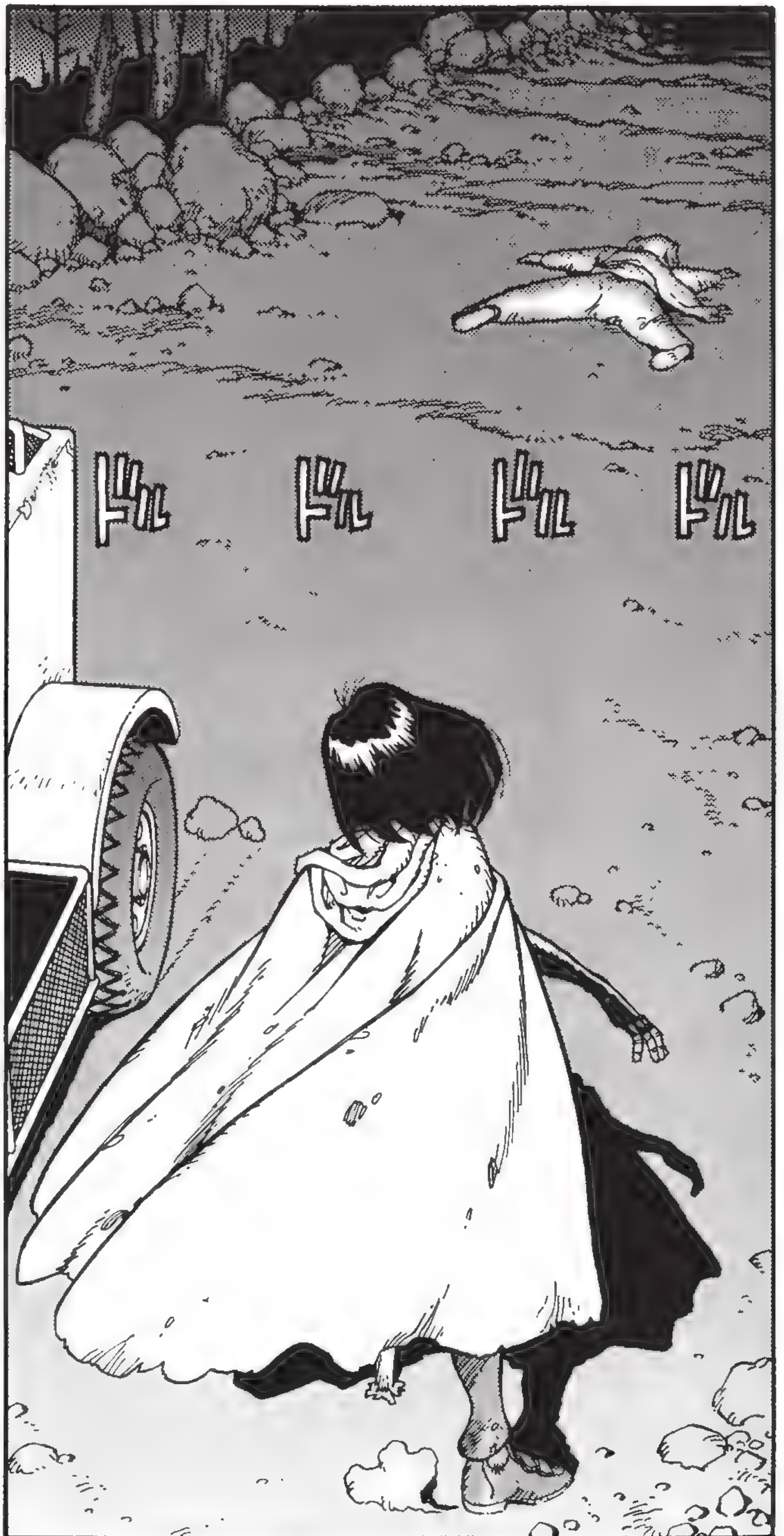
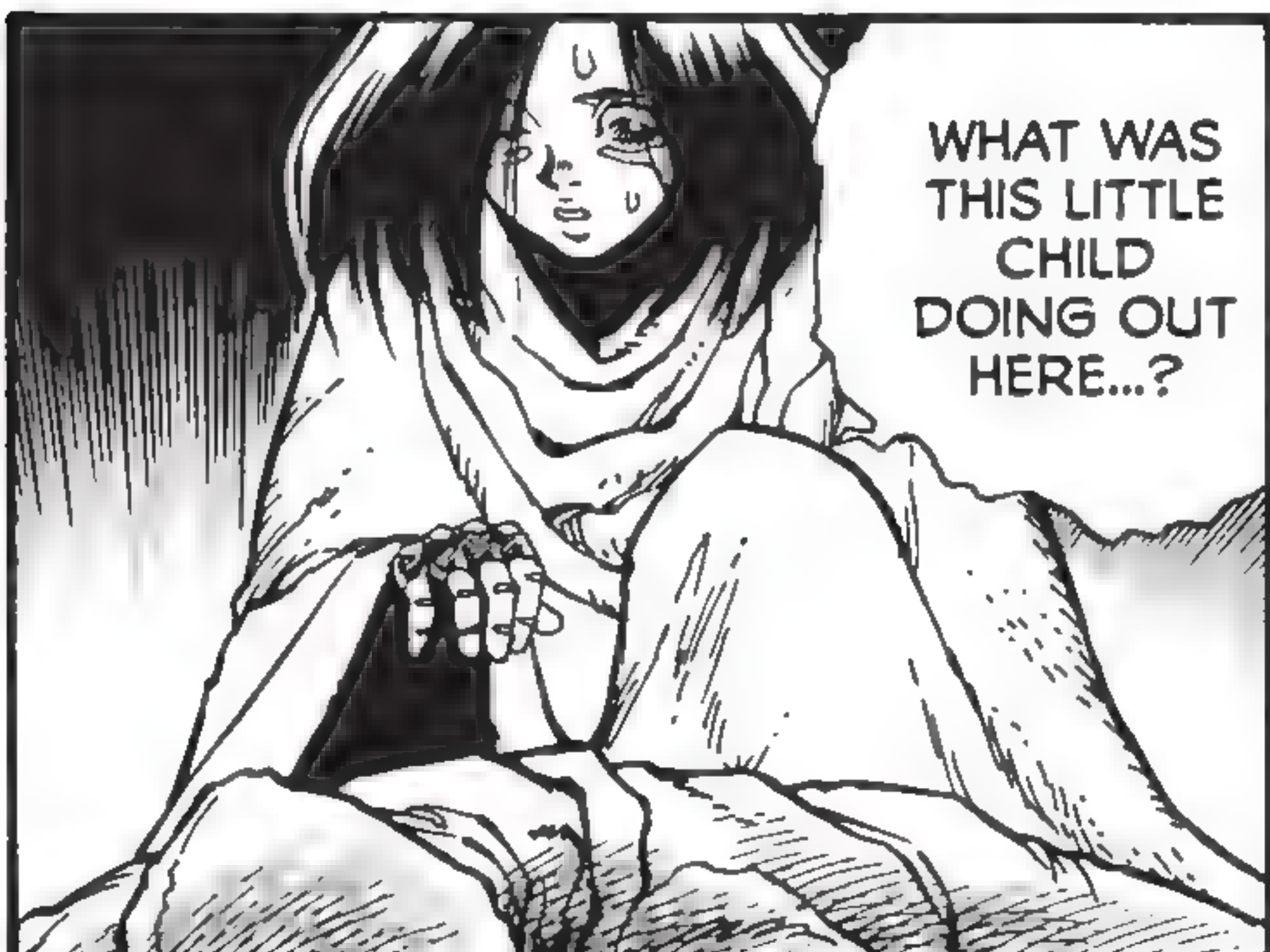
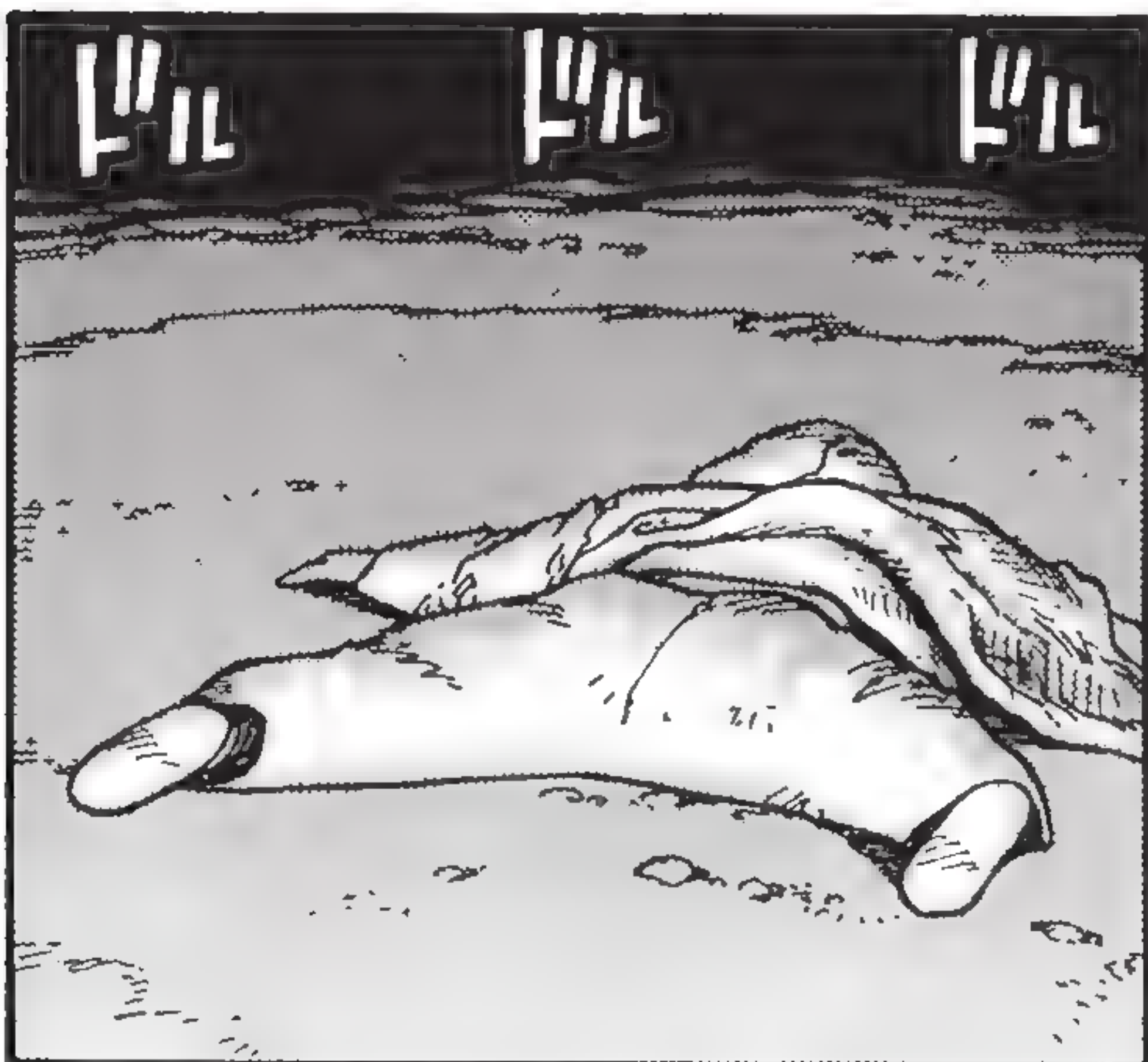
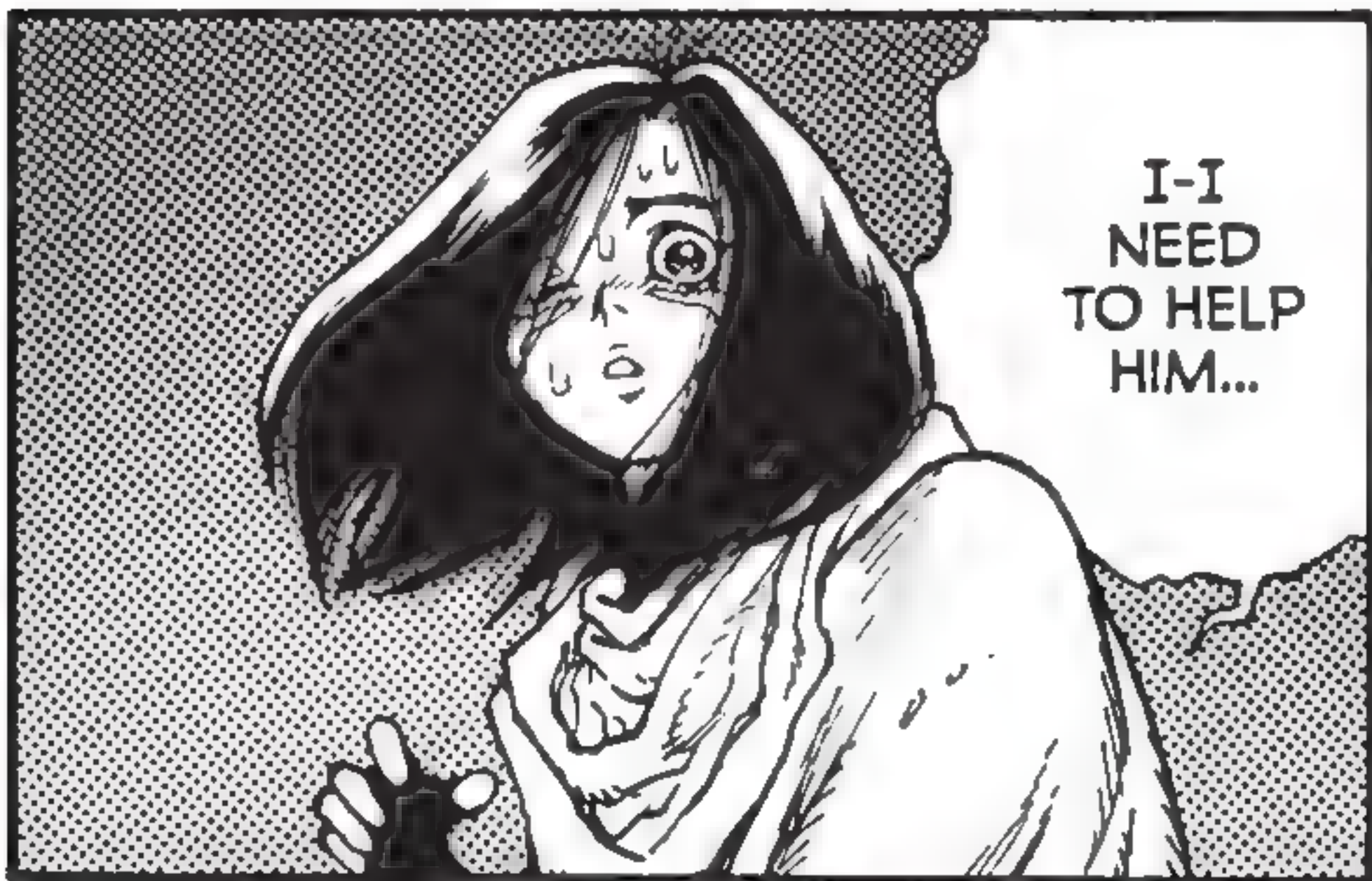
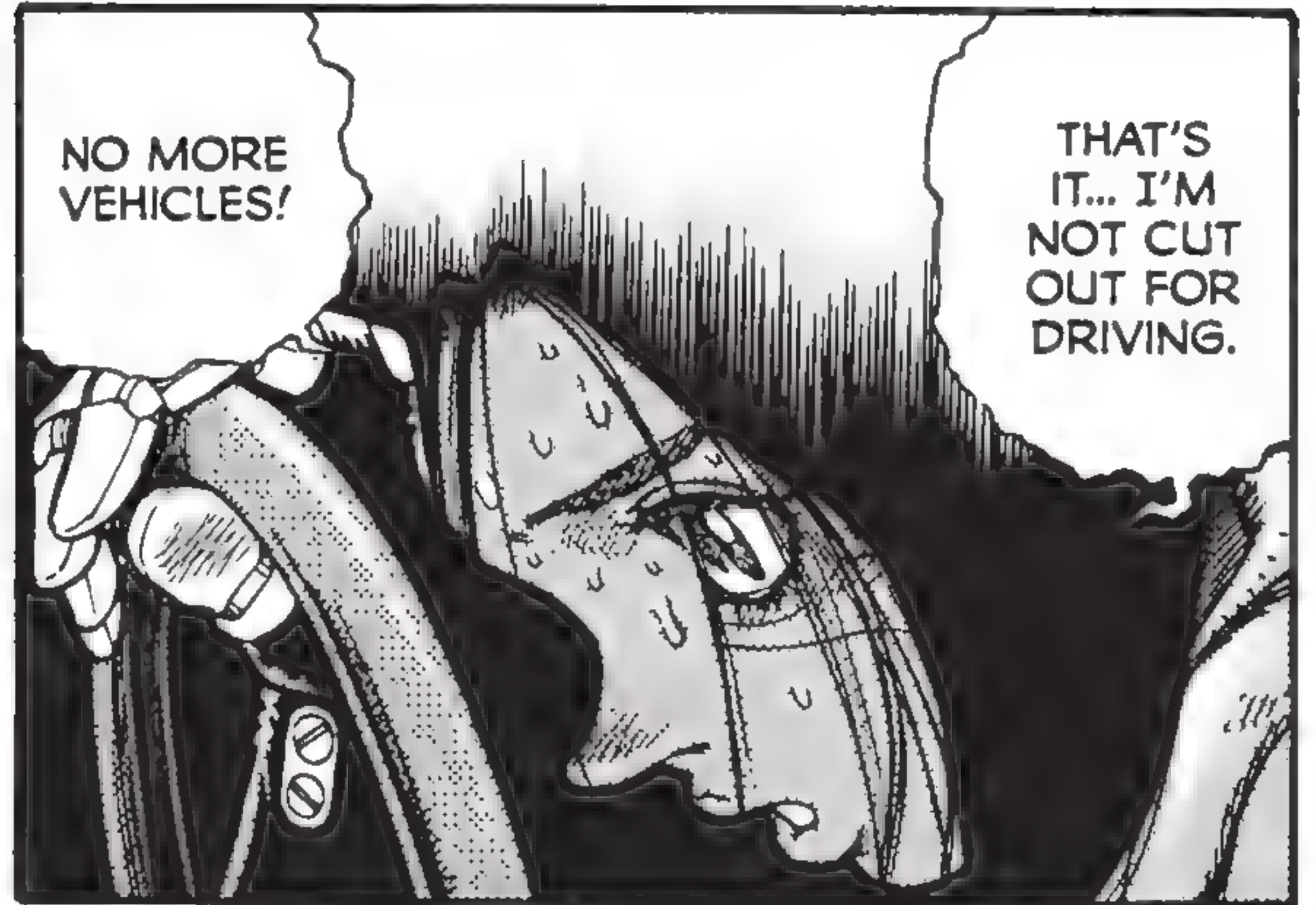
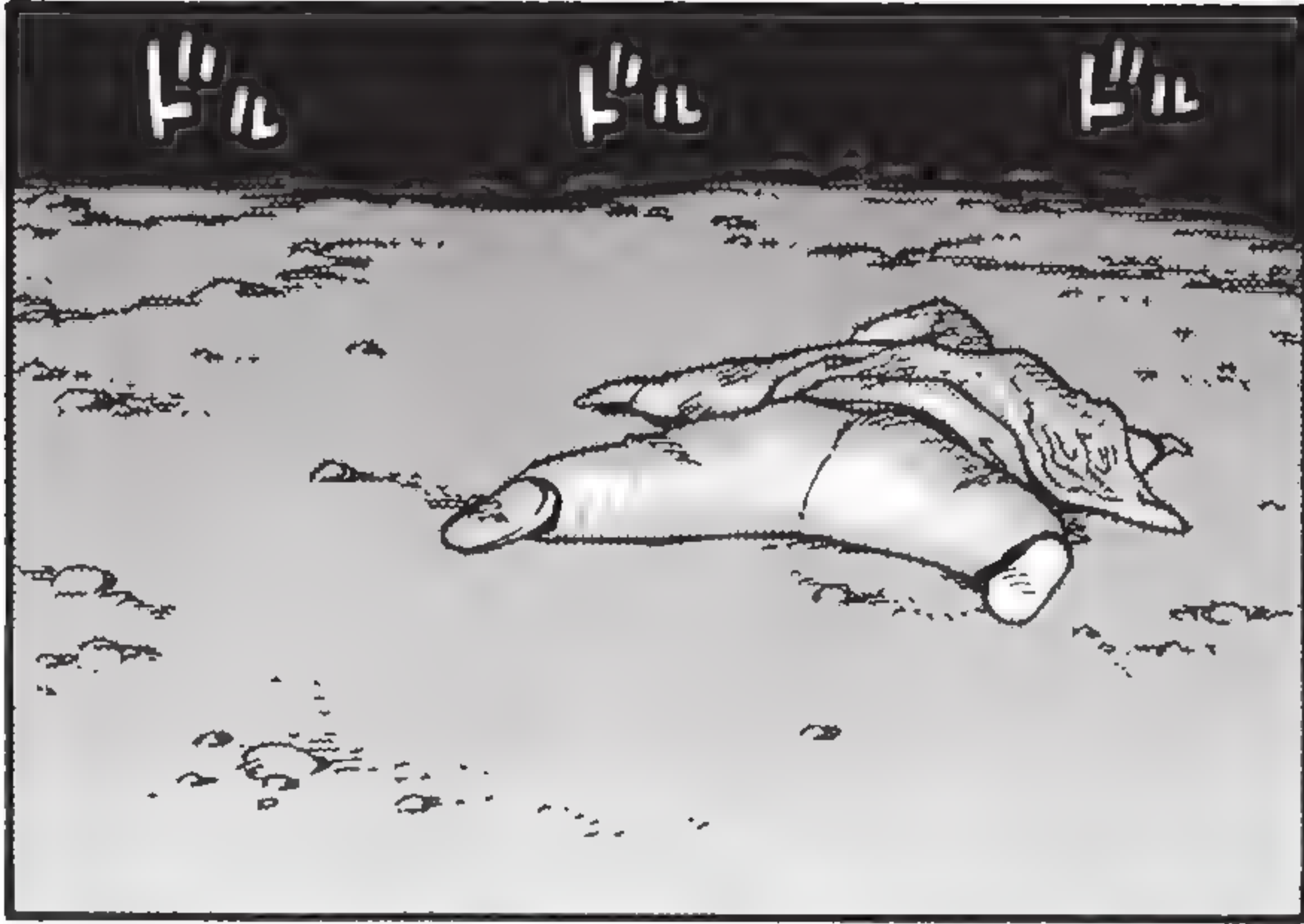
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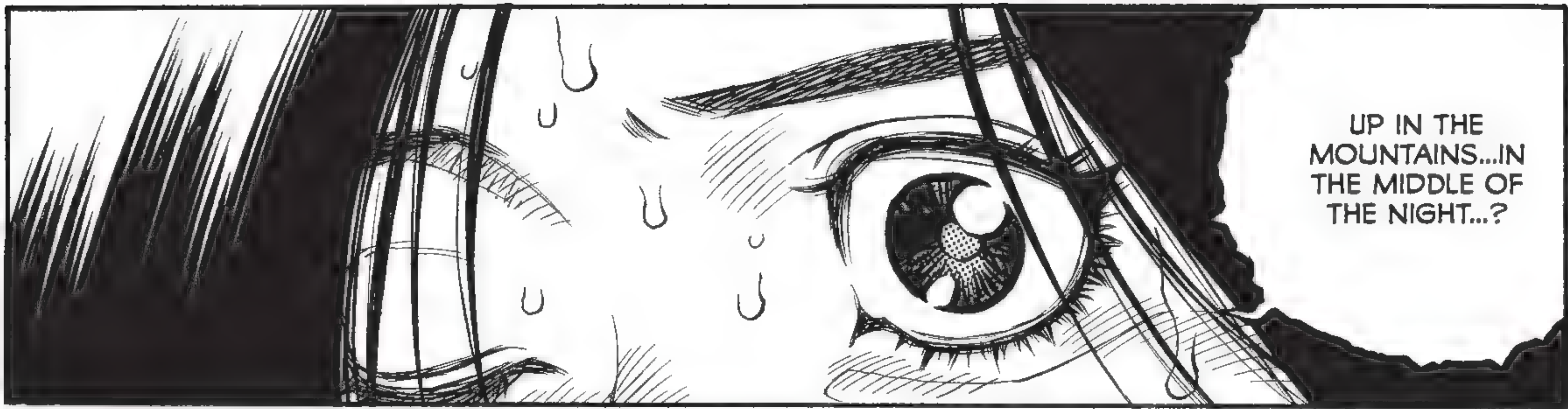


OH,
MAN...
I CAN'T
WAIT TO
SEE
FIGURE
FOUR
AGAIN...

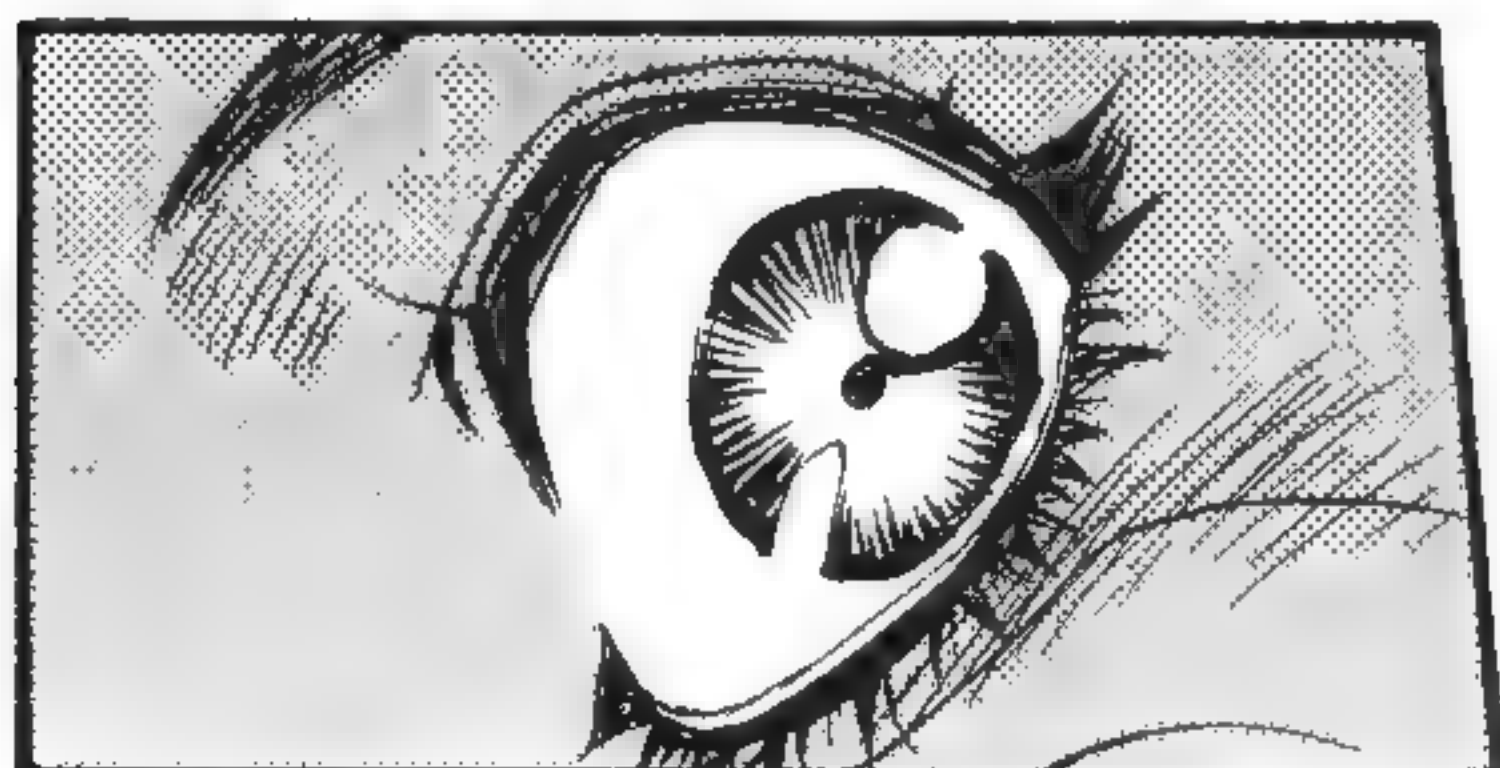
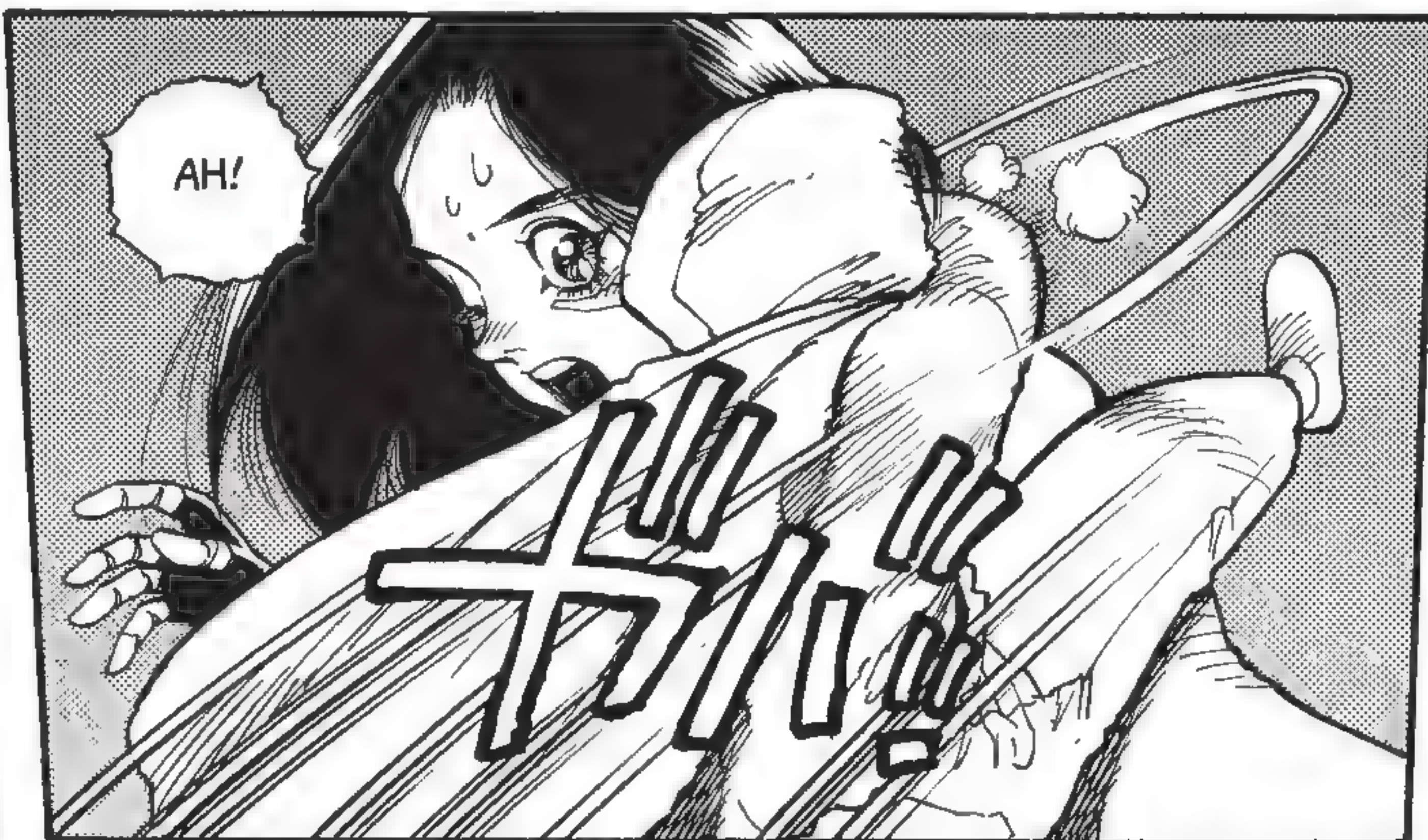


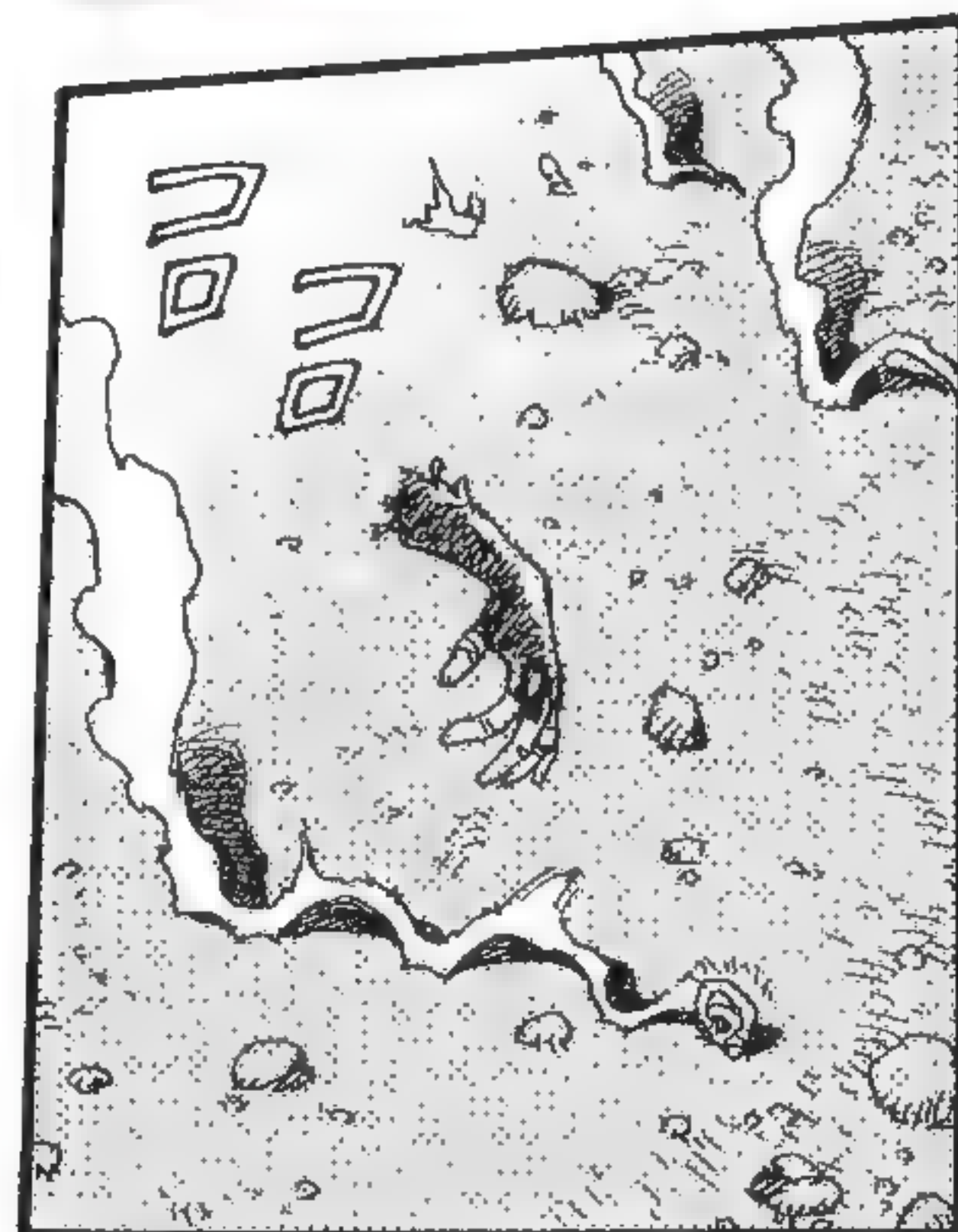
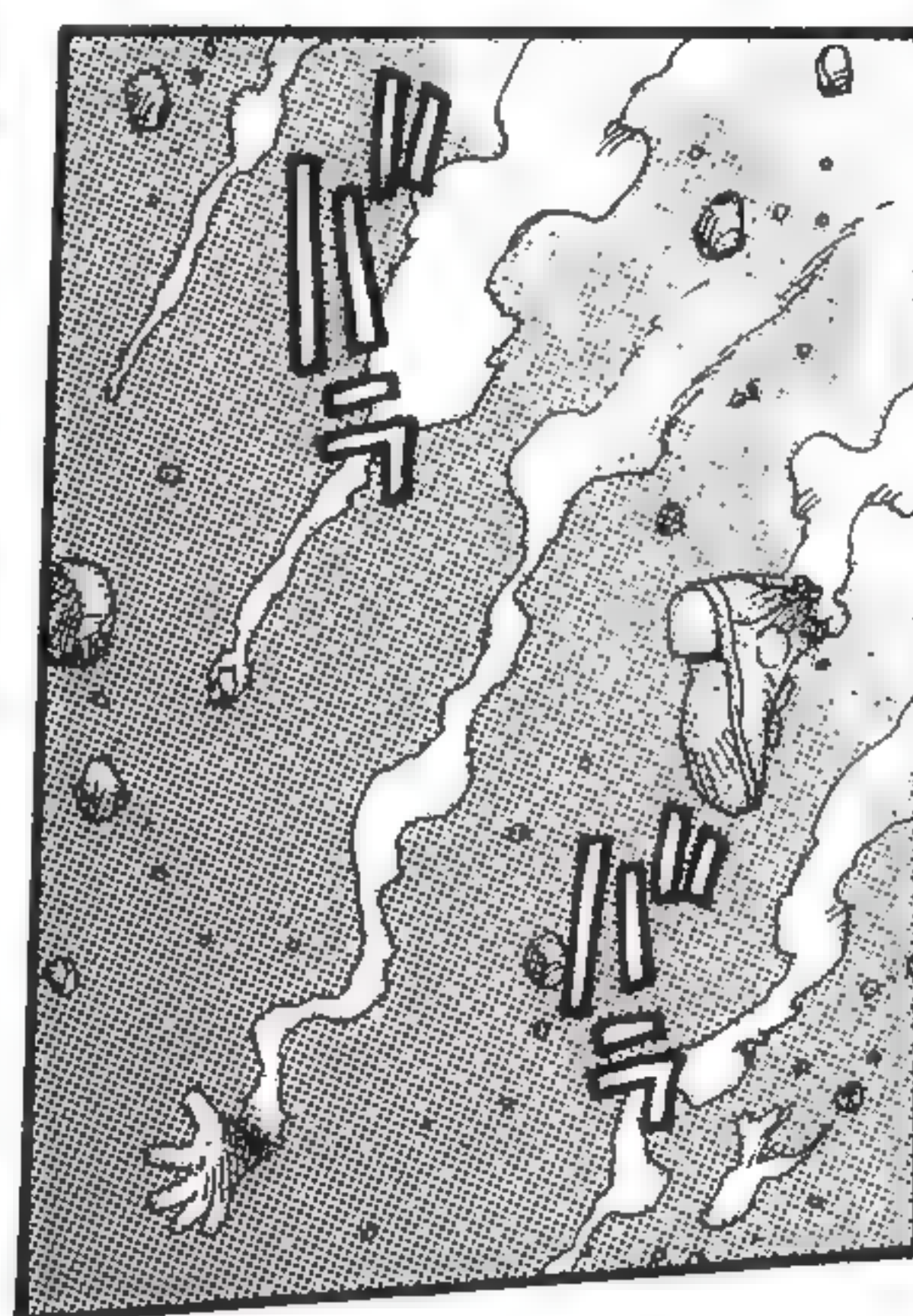
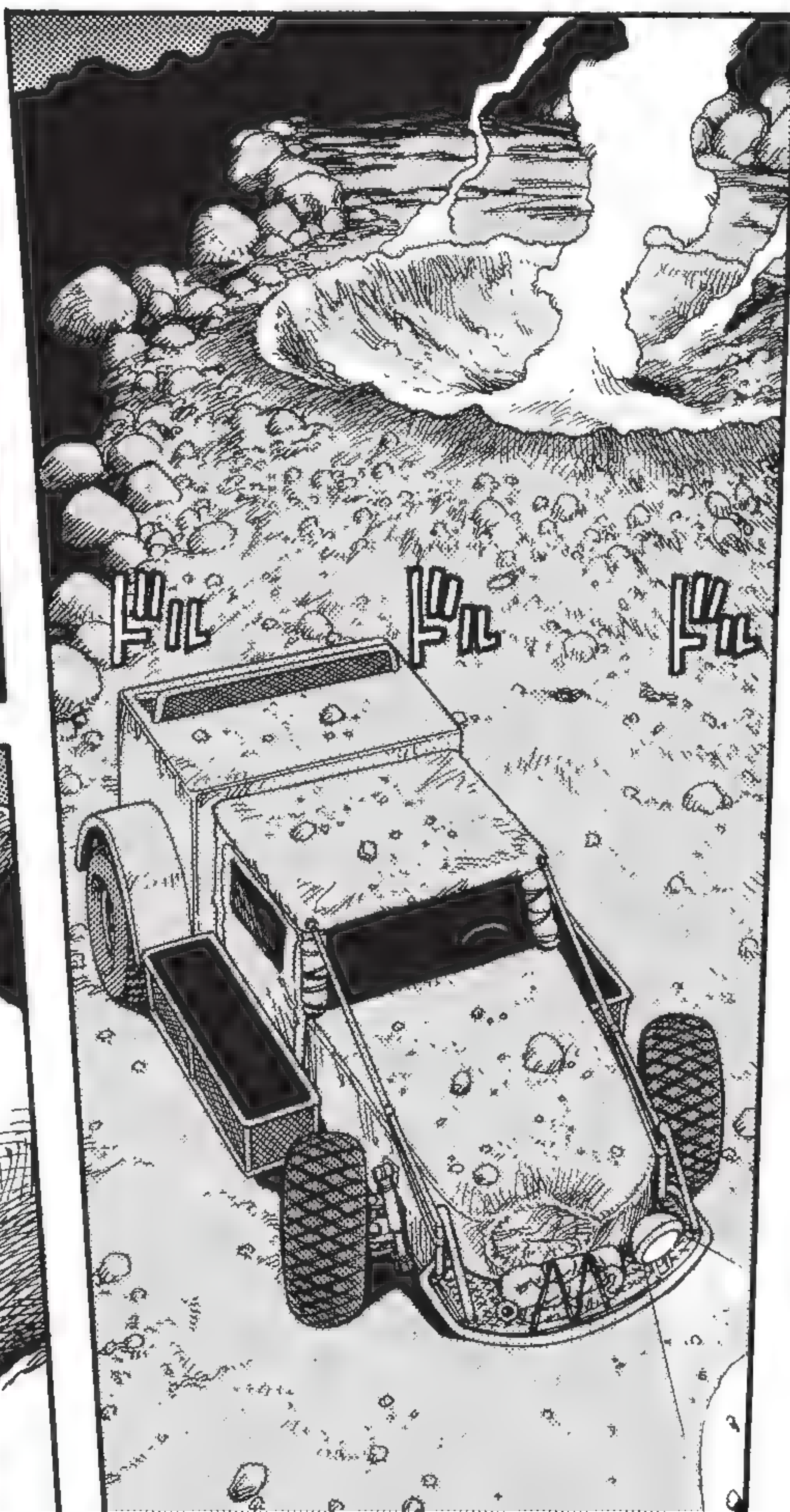
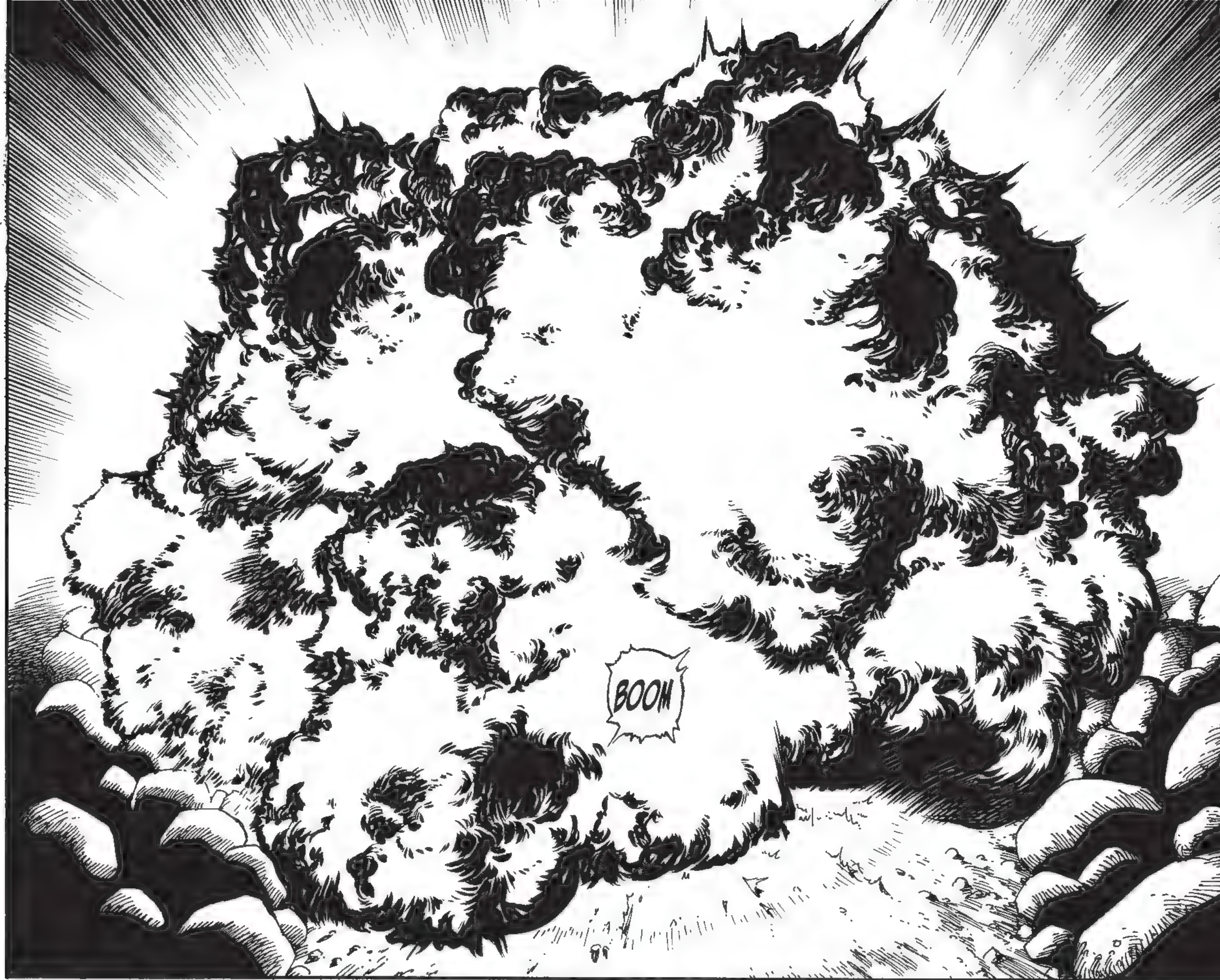


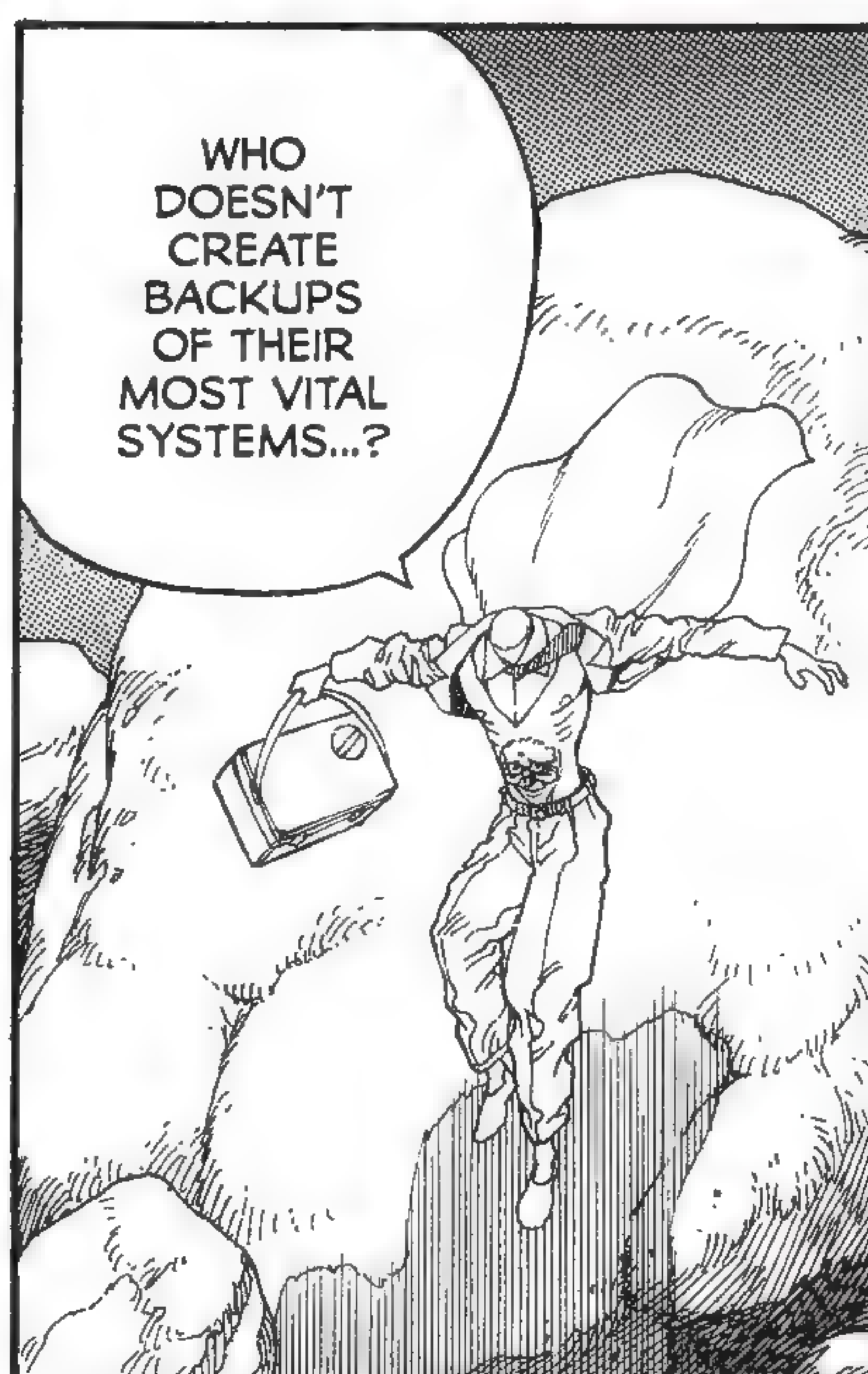
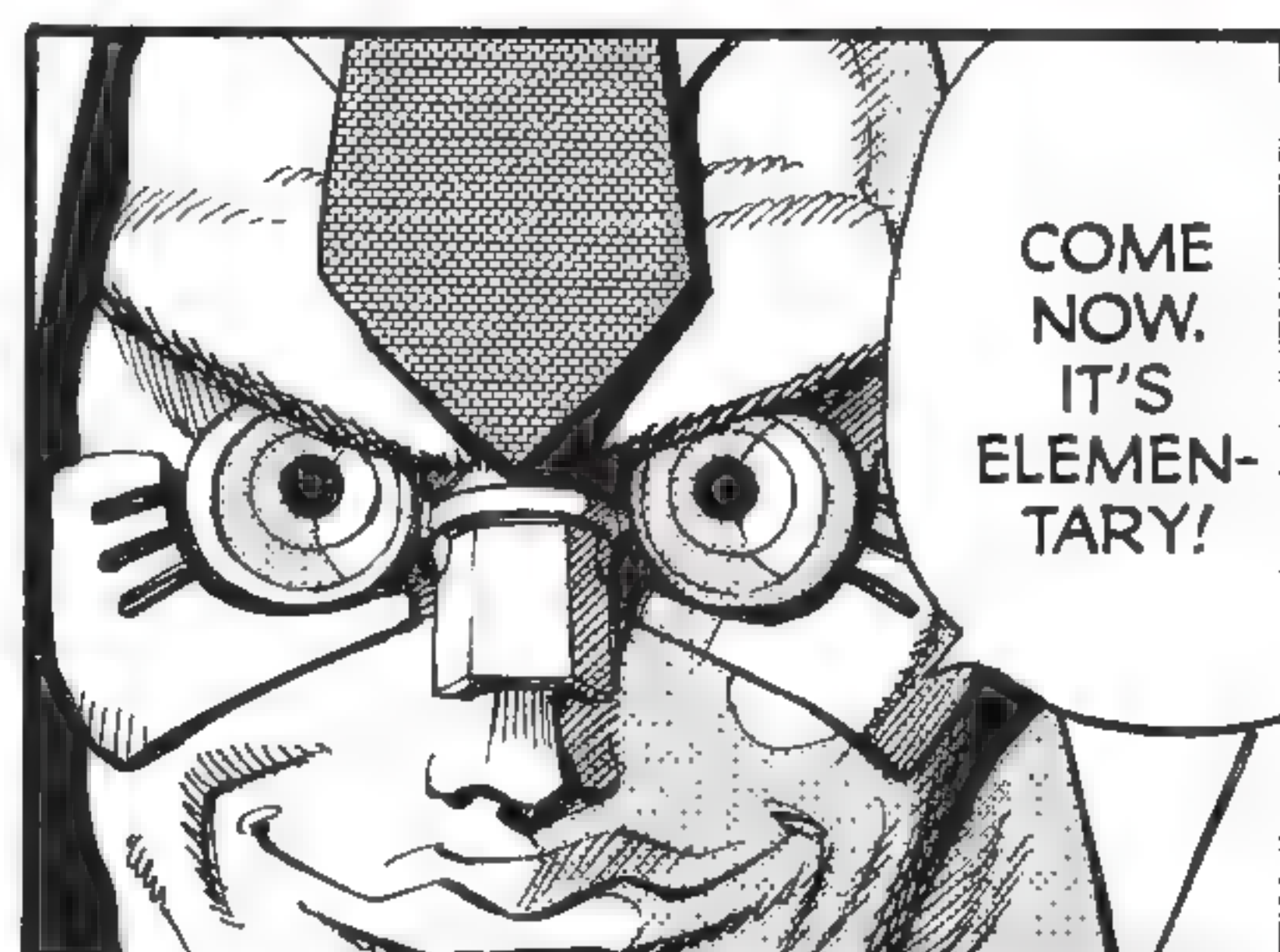
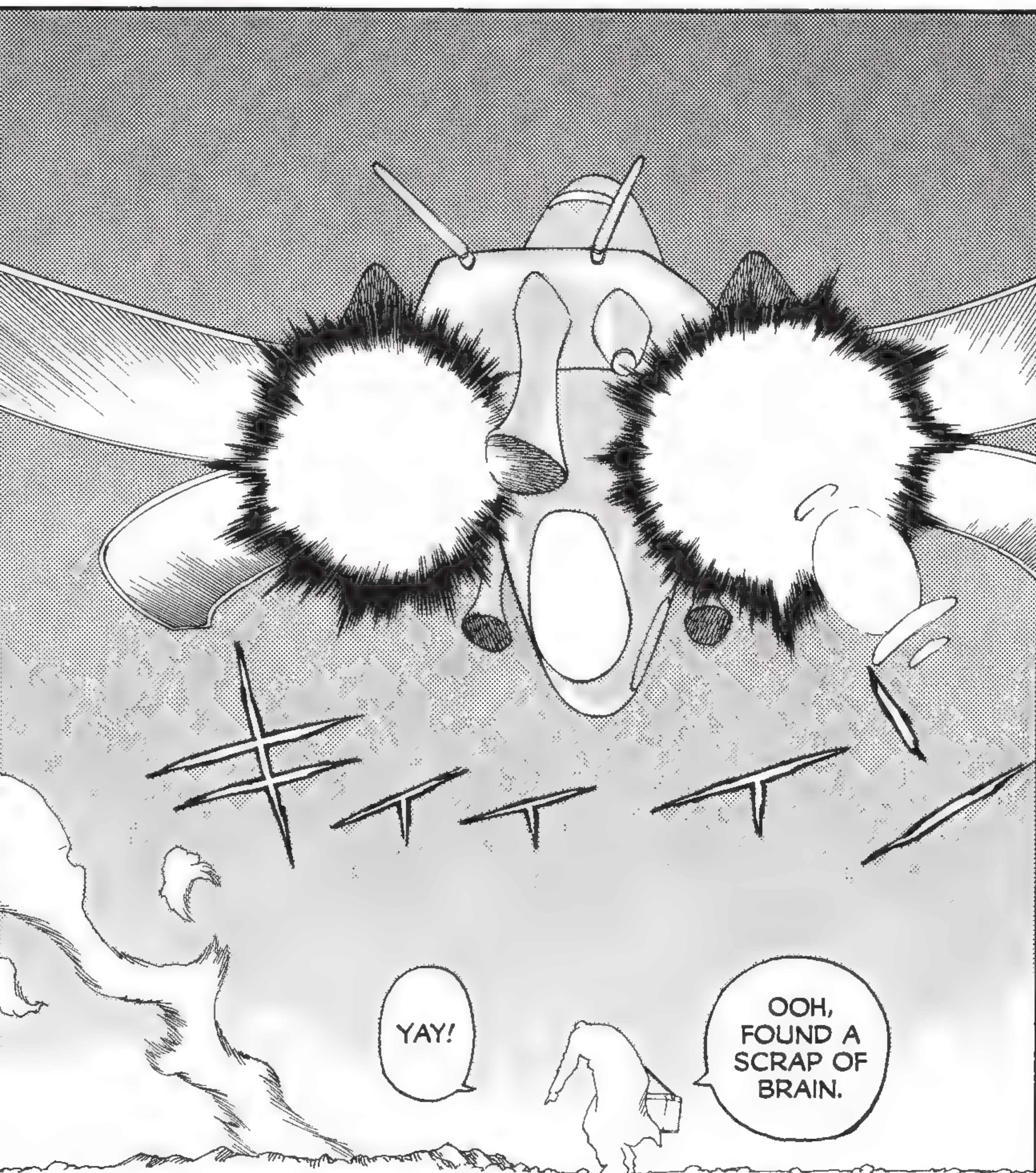




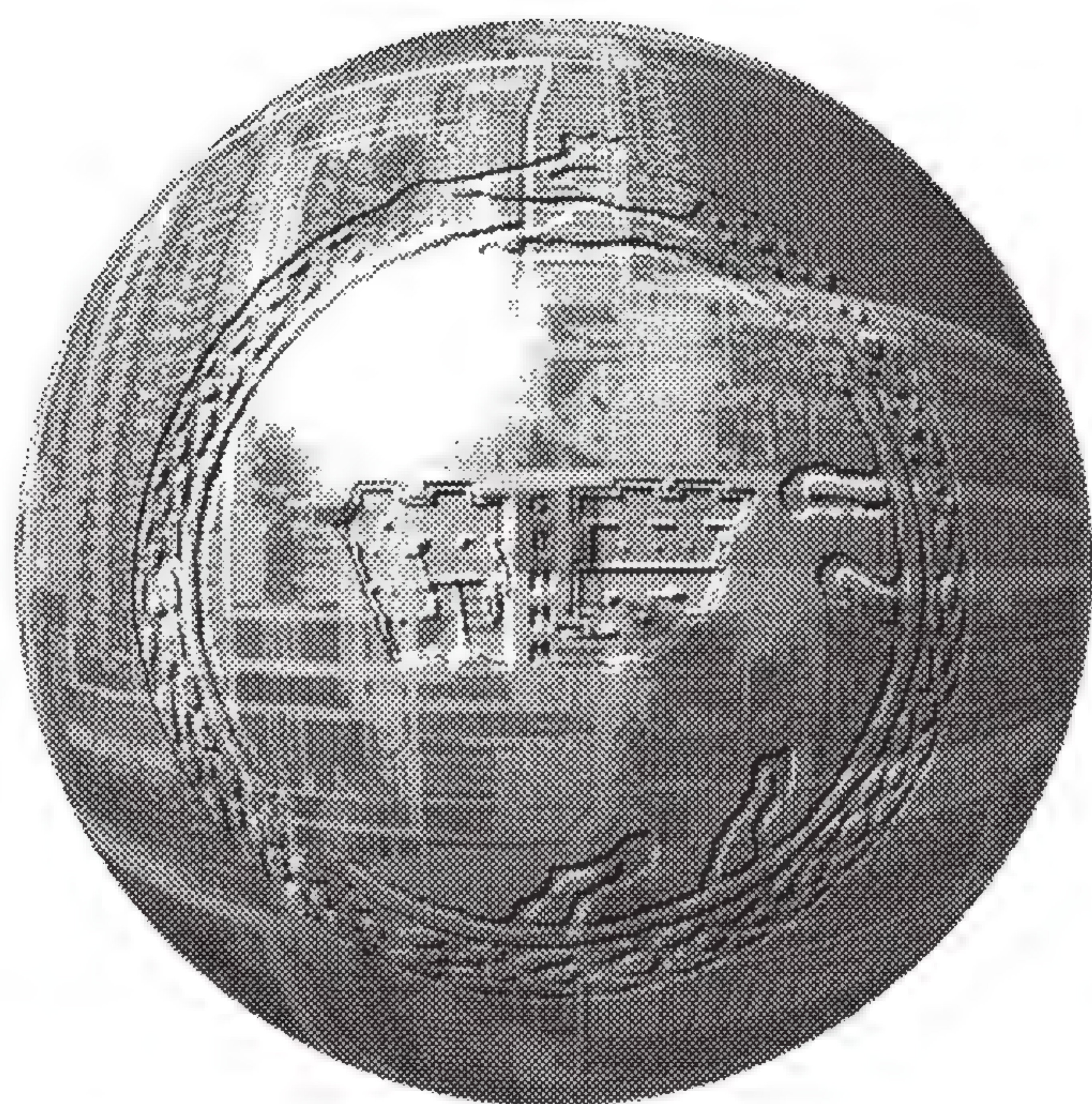
UP IN THE
MOUNTAINS...IN
THE MIDDLE OF
THE NIGHT...?







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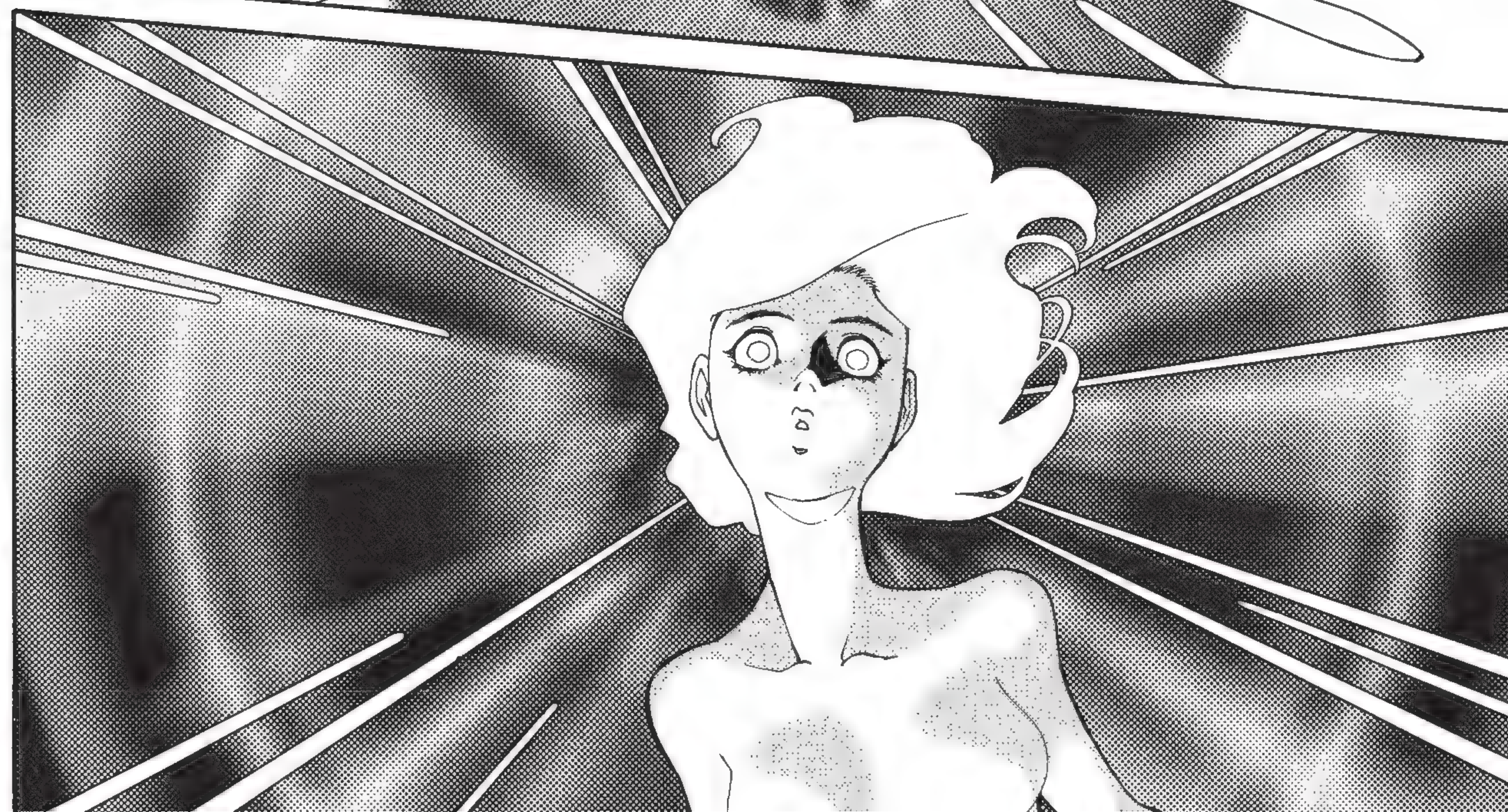
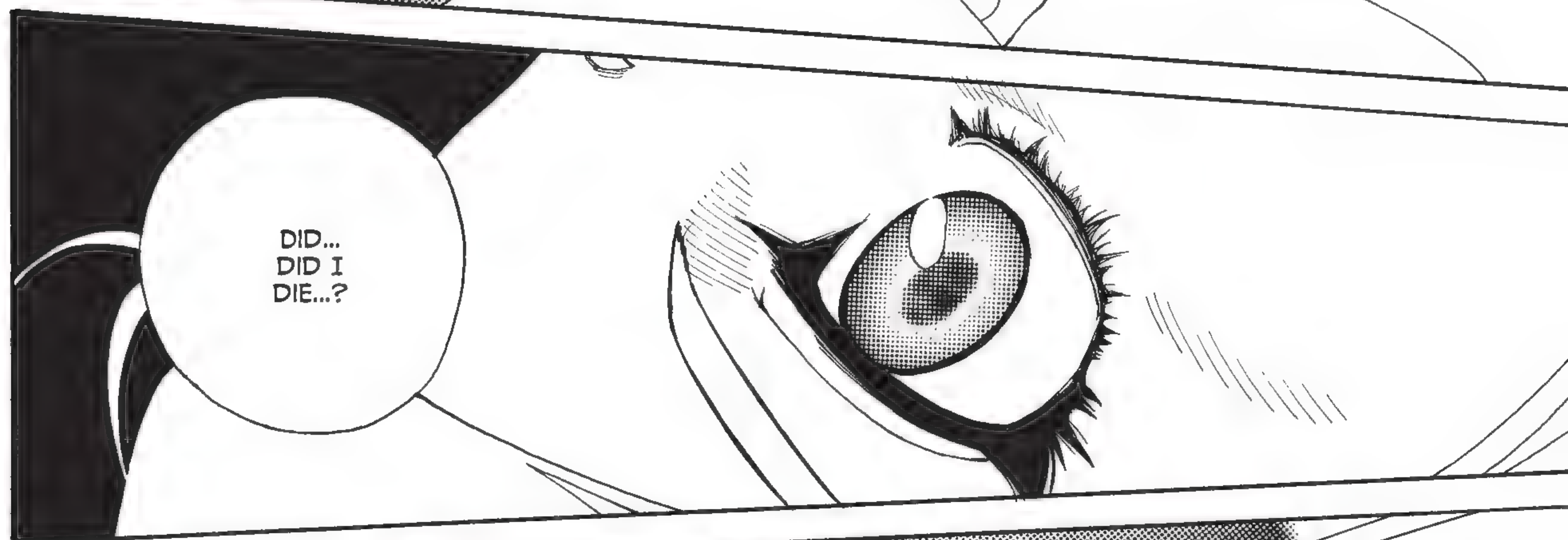
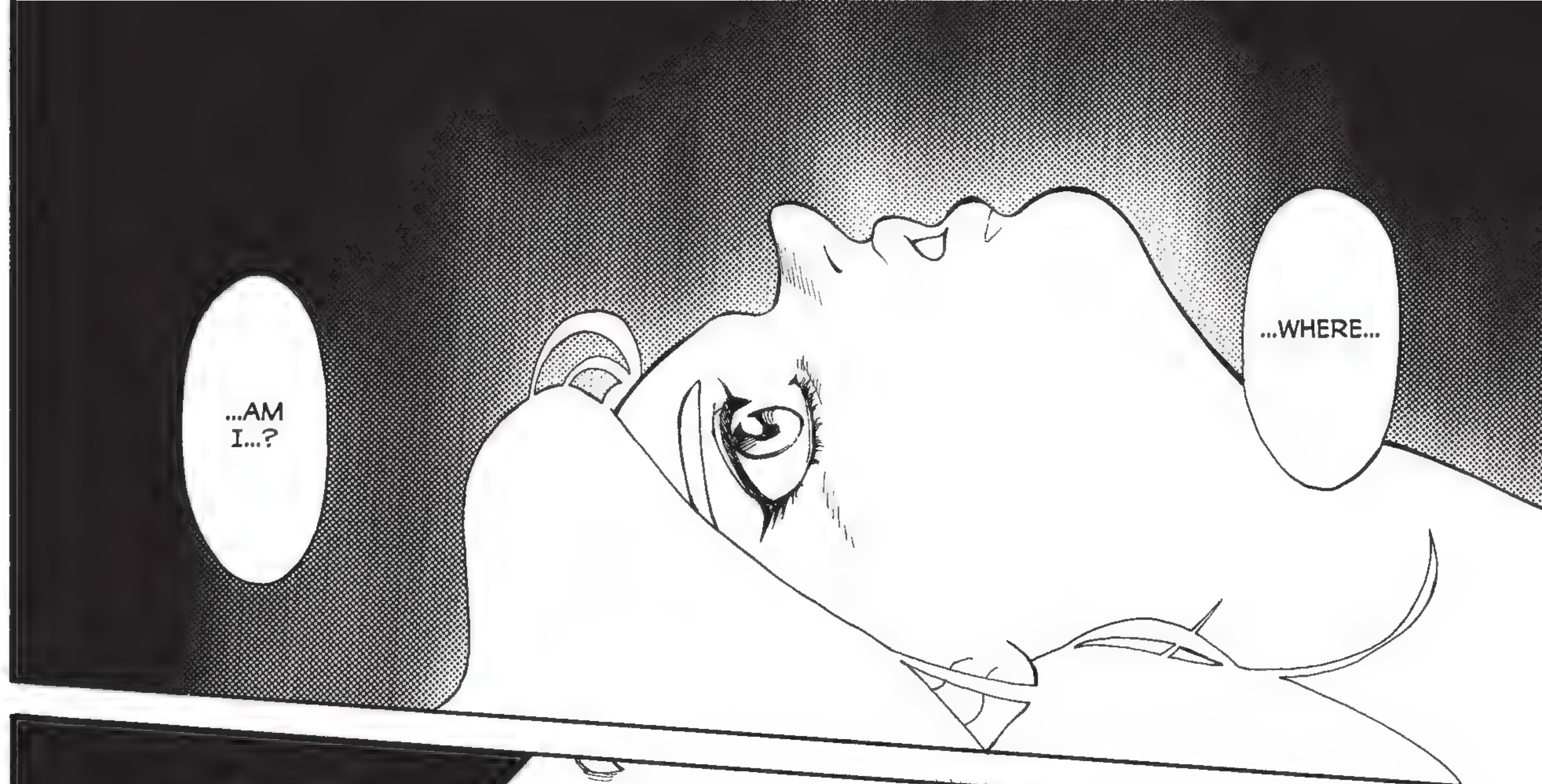
What comes after this point is another vision of *Battle Angel Alita* that was contained in the previous edition printed under the Shueisha Comics label.

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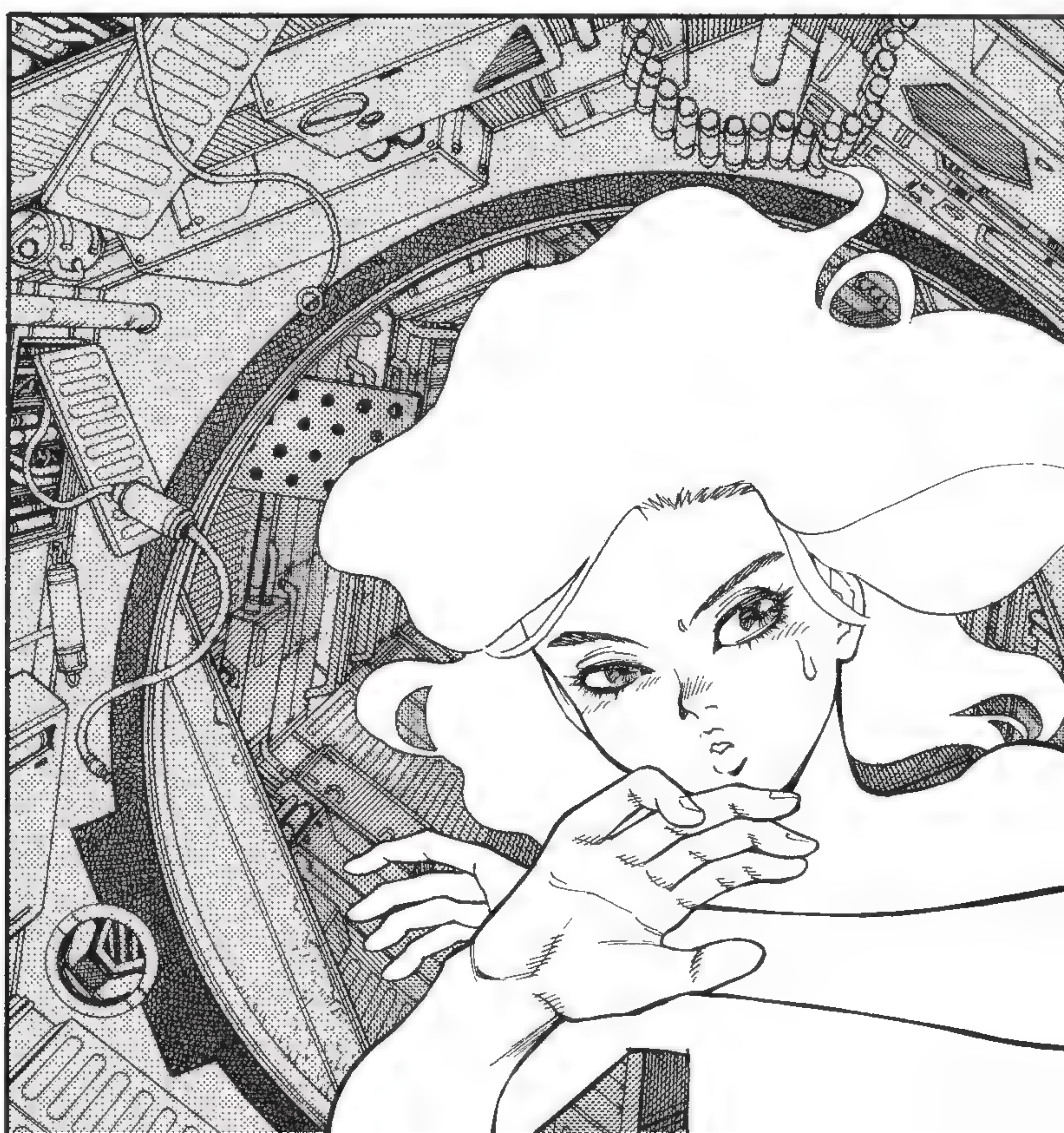
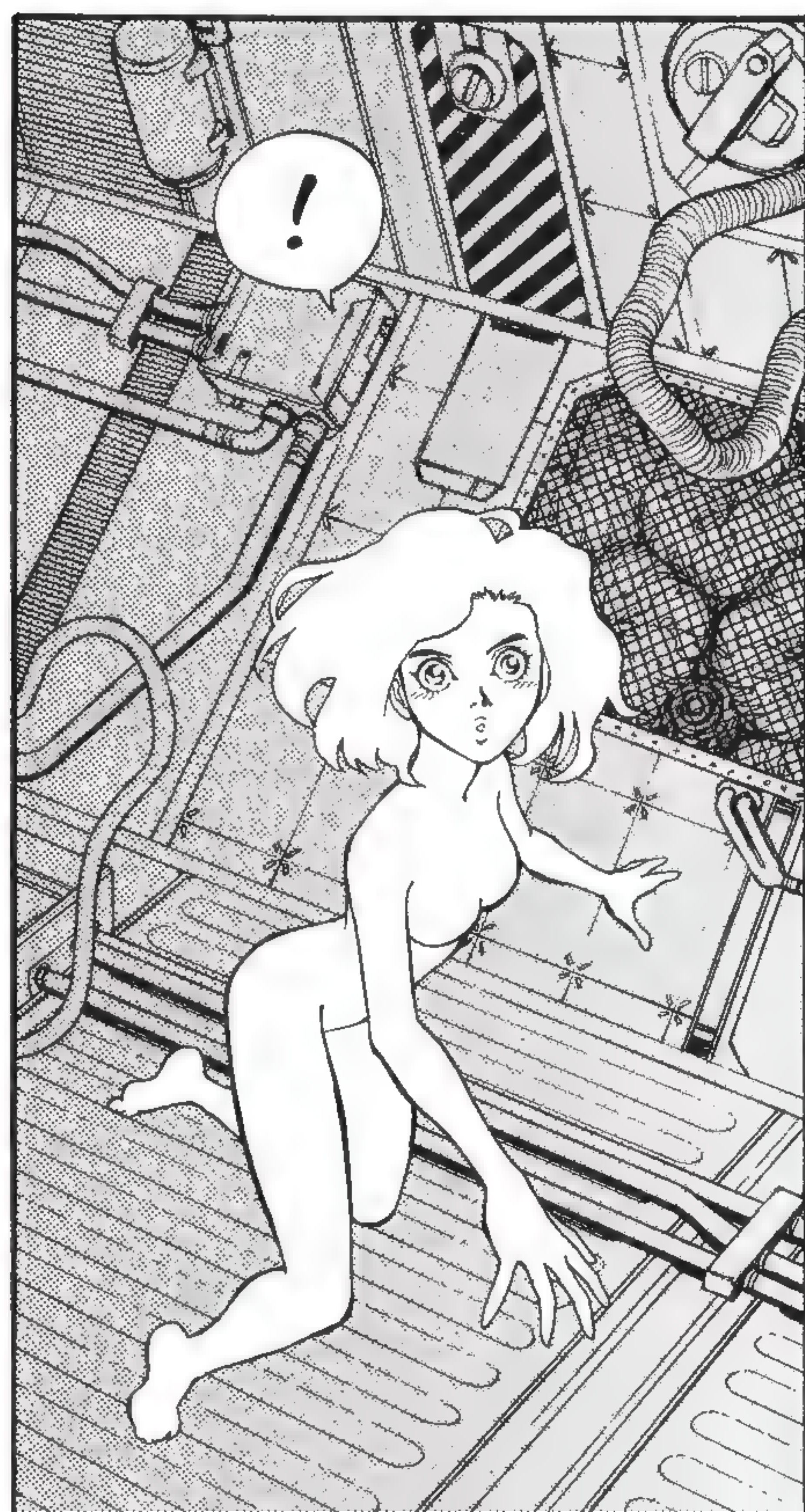
But due to strong desire from the fans of the series to read the original material, it has been included in this edition. It is not Alita canon; think of it as “Alita Gaiden,” if you wish. You may find the more poetic touches of this material entertaining in a way that the expanded worldview of *Last Order* is not. Please enjoy.

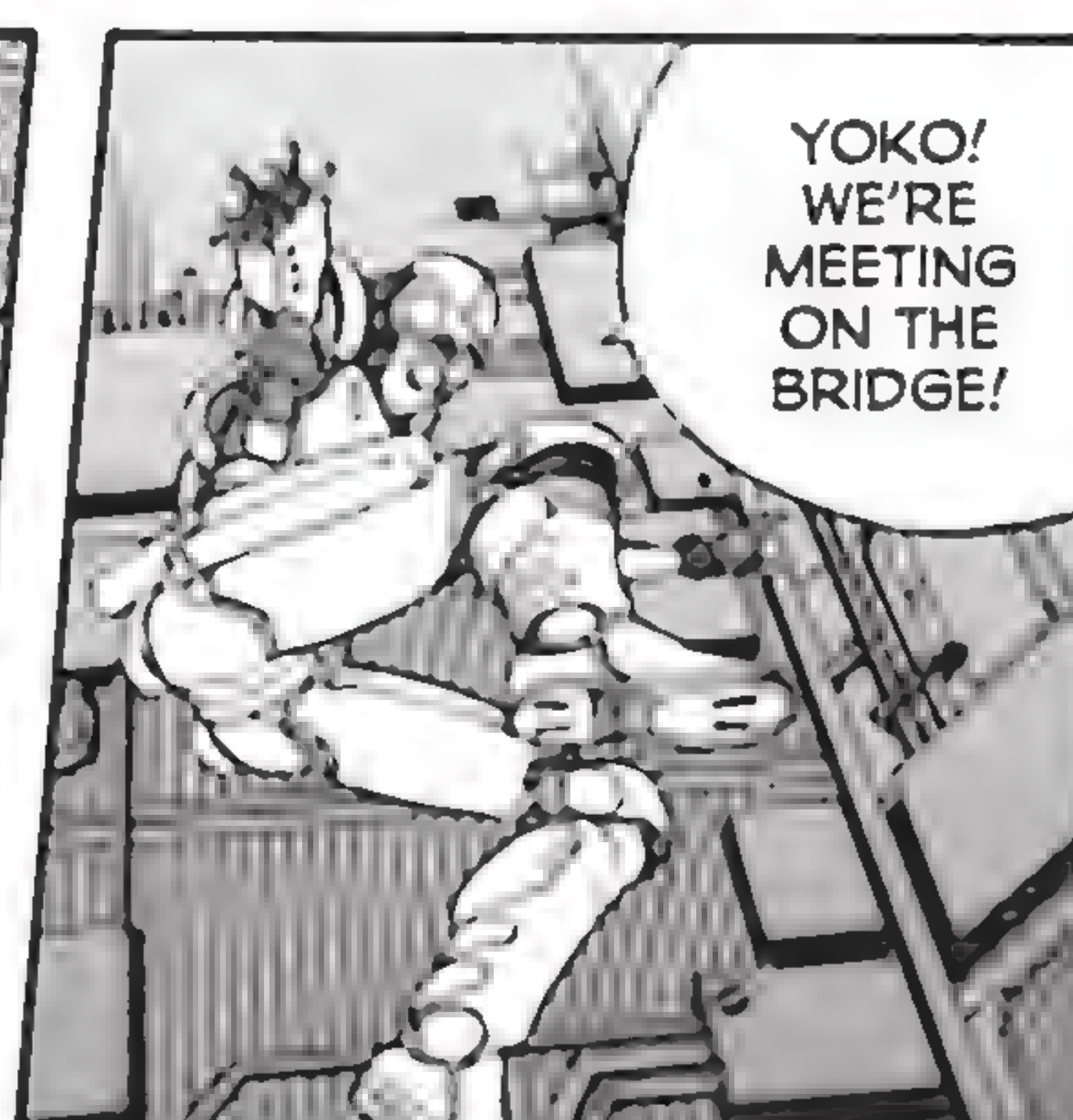
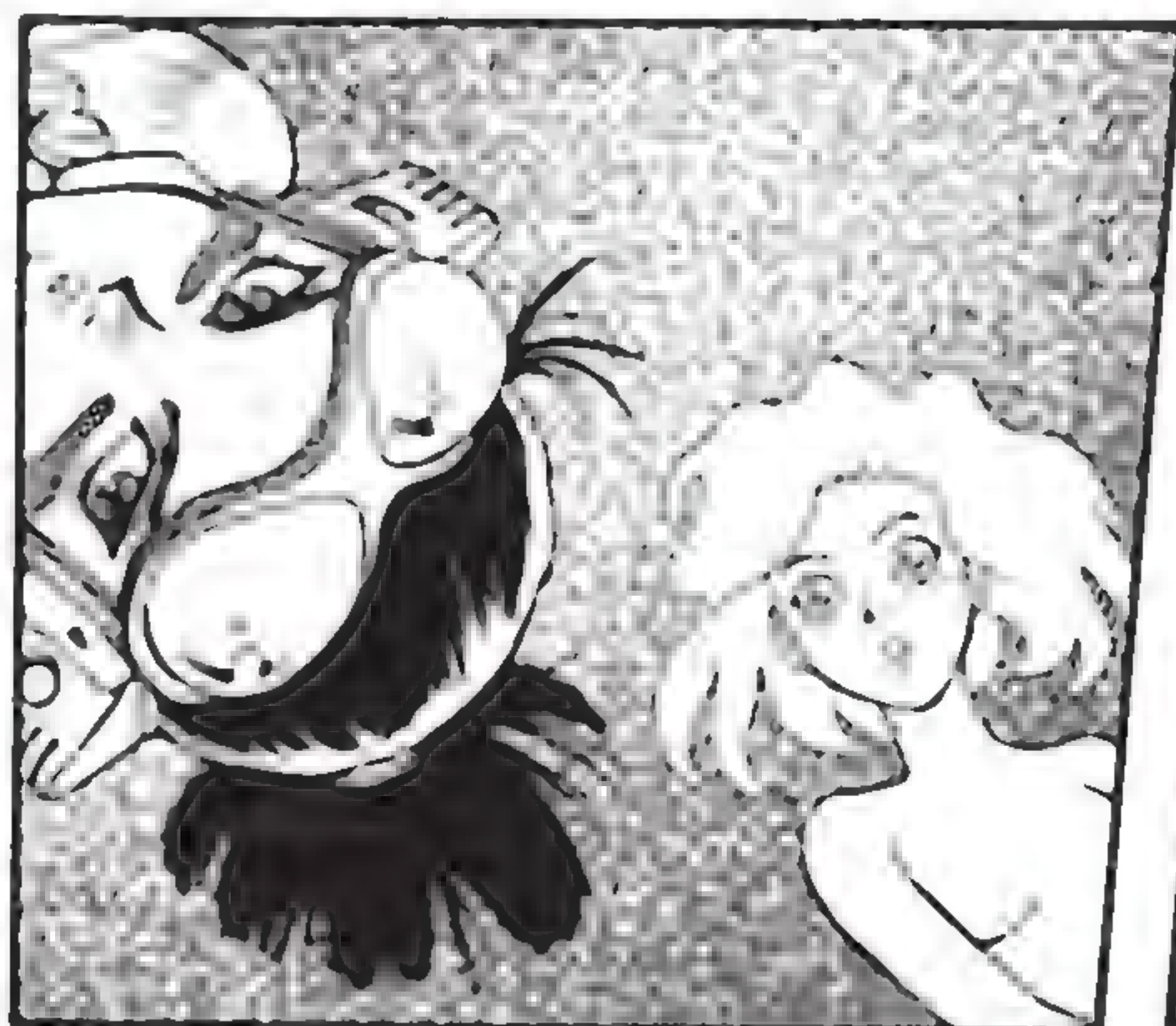
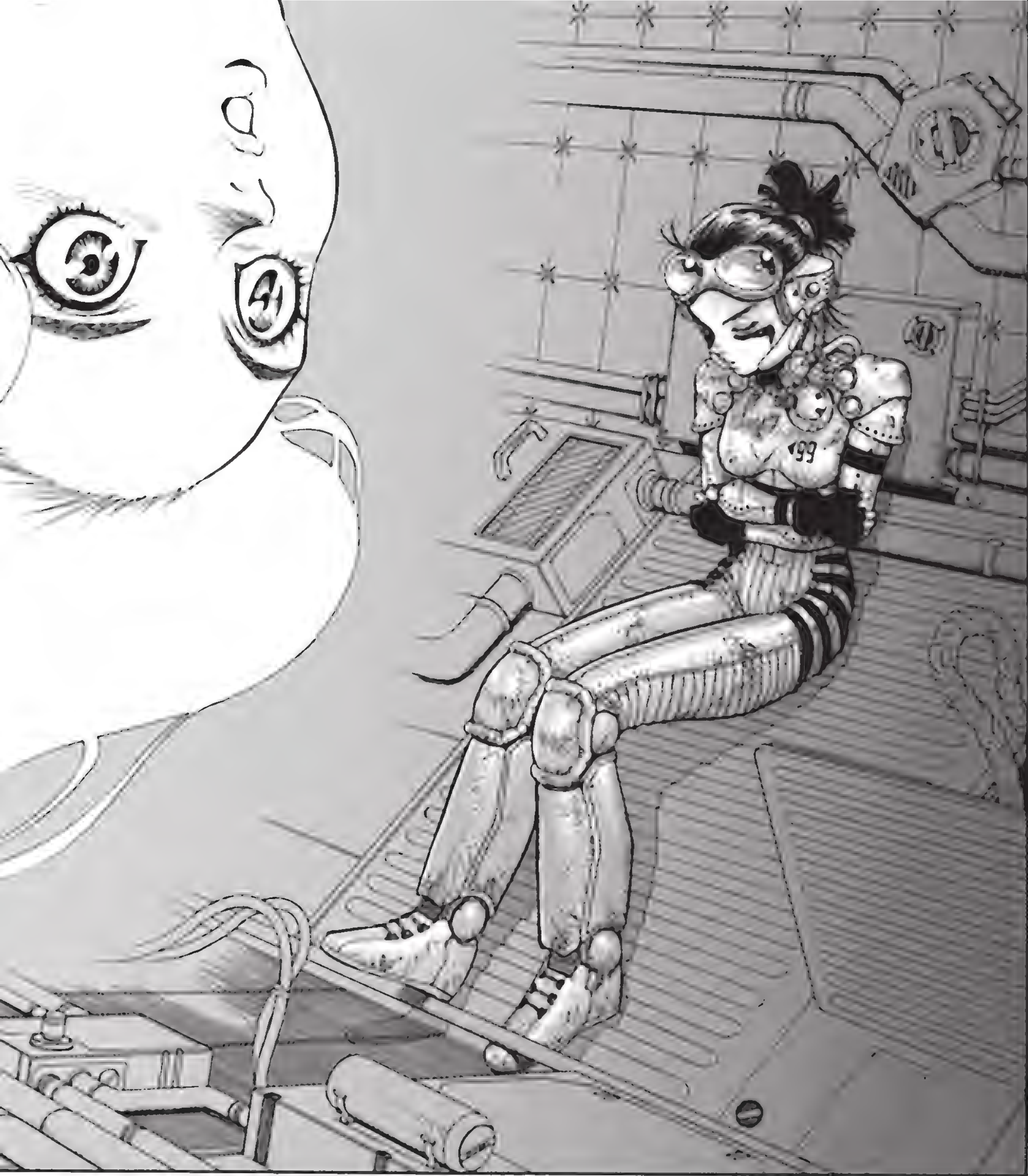
ANOTHER FIGHT Conquest of Zalem I













IS THIS A MARTIAN SHIP?

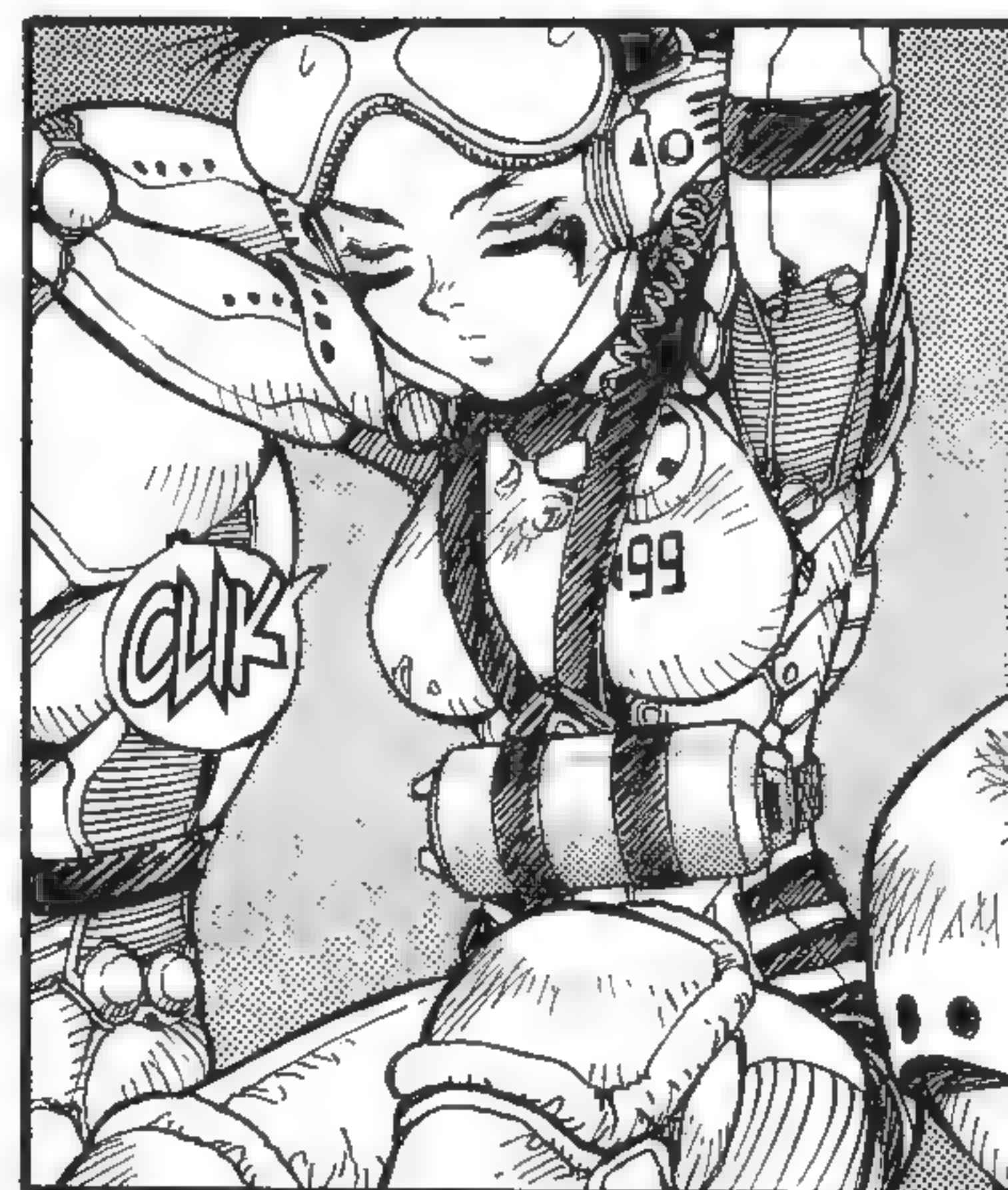
WHAT ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT...?



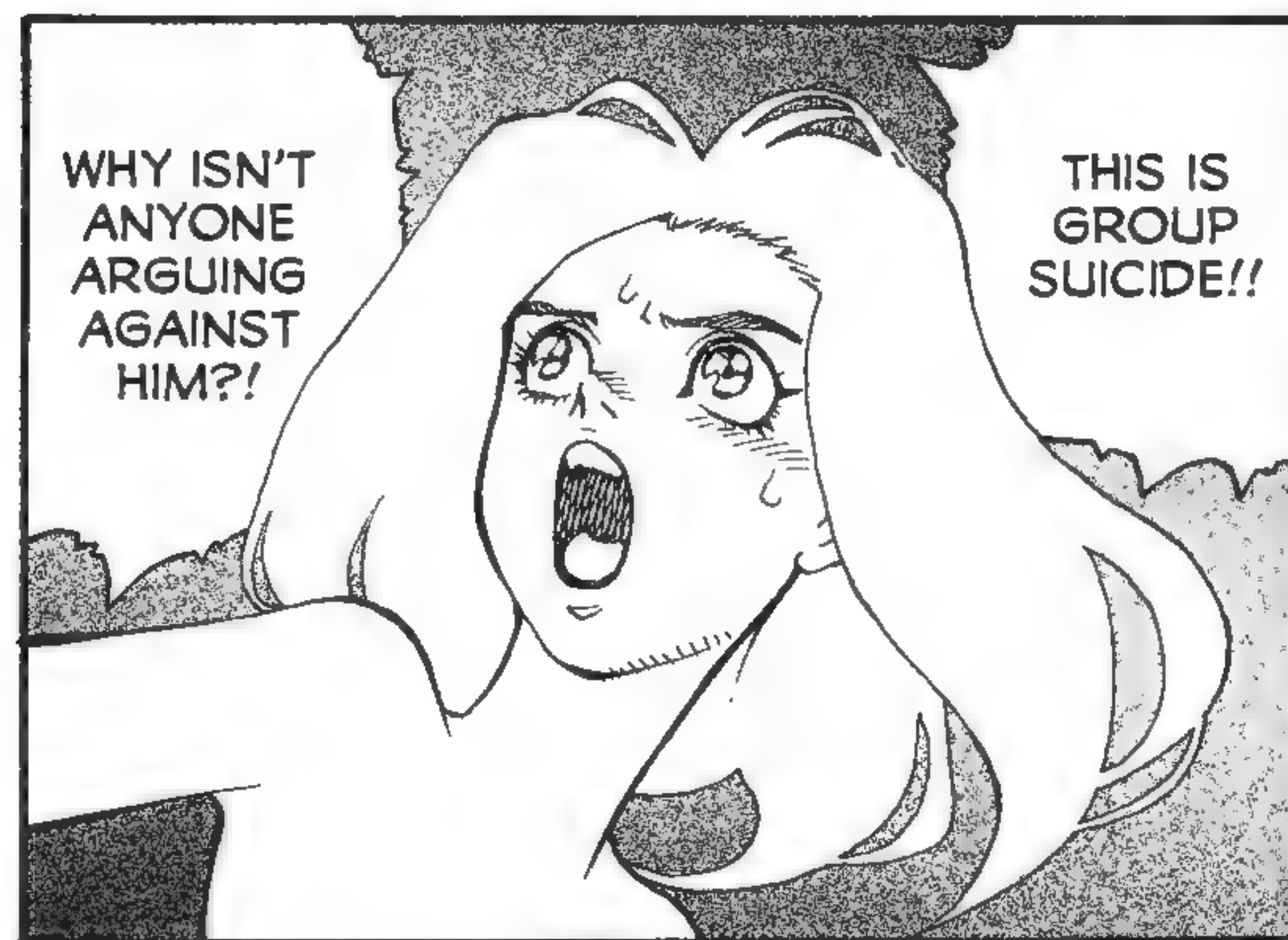
OUR CHANCES OF SUCCESSFUL ESCAPE ARE ZERO...
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY FOR US TO UPHOLD OUR HONOR!



YOU WILL USE YOUR ZUBRINGERS* IN A STEALTH APPROACH OF THE SPACE STATION JERU, THE CENTER OF EARTH'S POWER, AND DETONATE YOUR NUCLEAR DEVICES!!

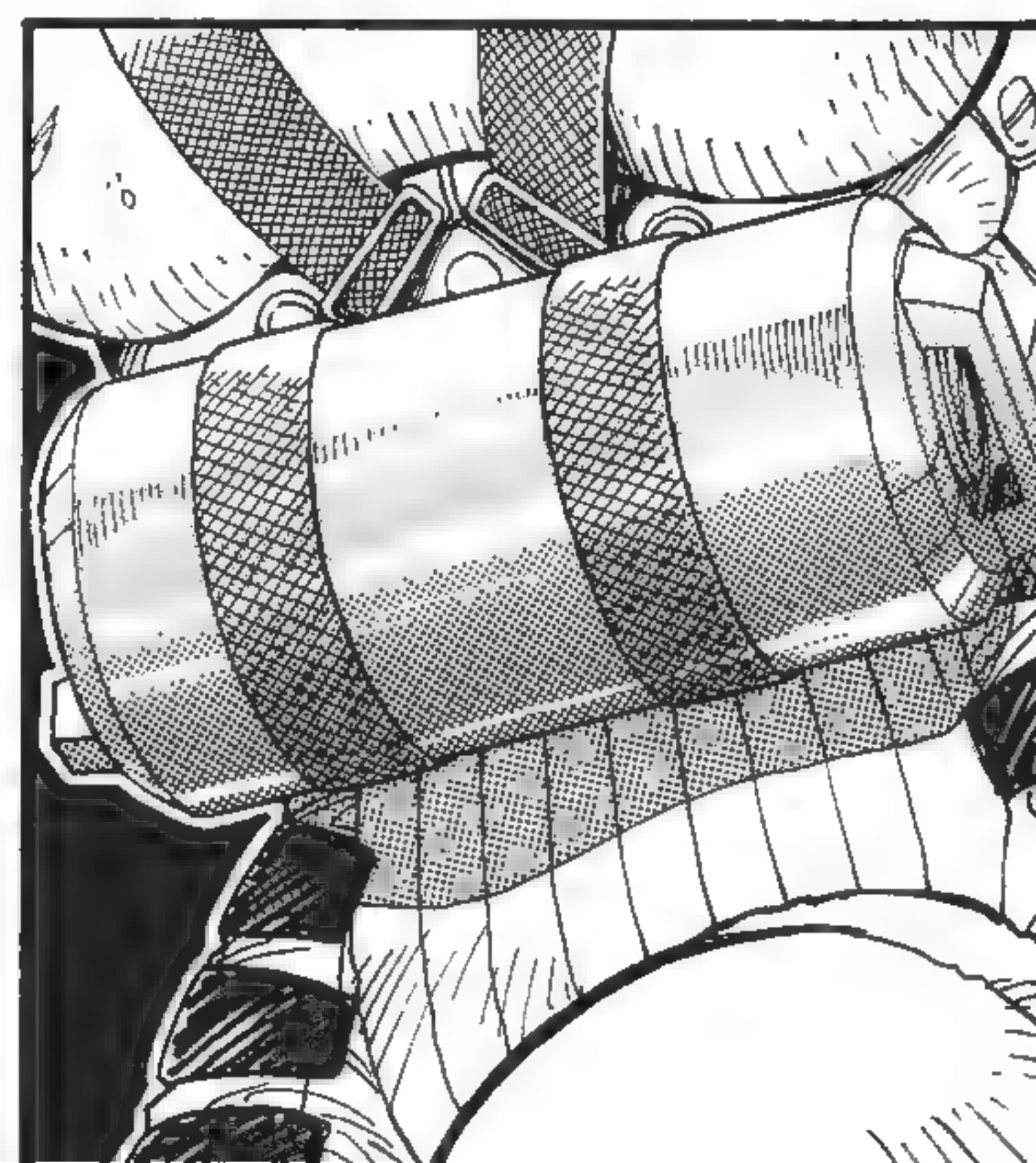


ARE THEY...AT WAR?

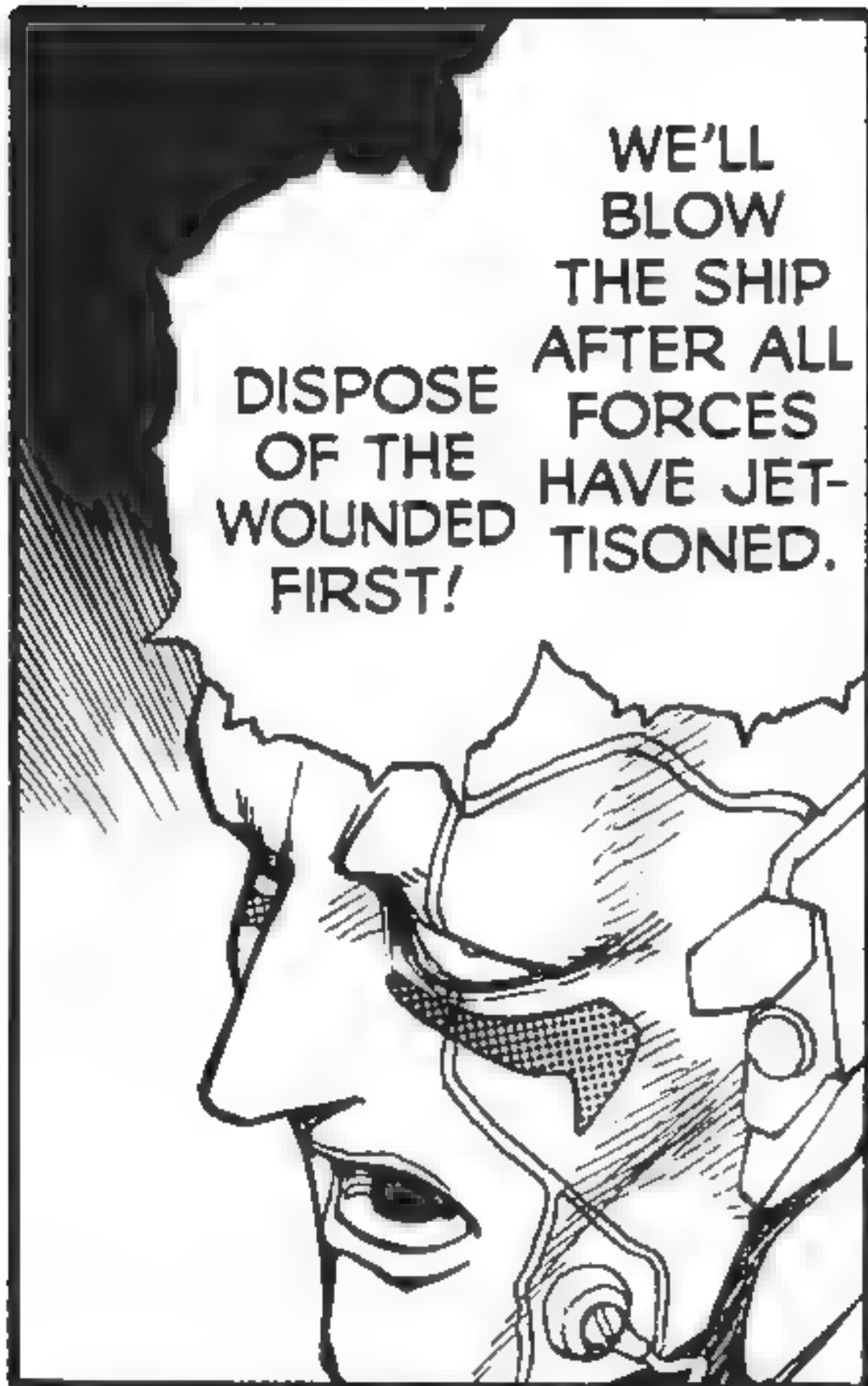


WHY ISN'T ANYONE ARGUING AGAINST HIM?!

THIS IS GROUP SUICIDE!!

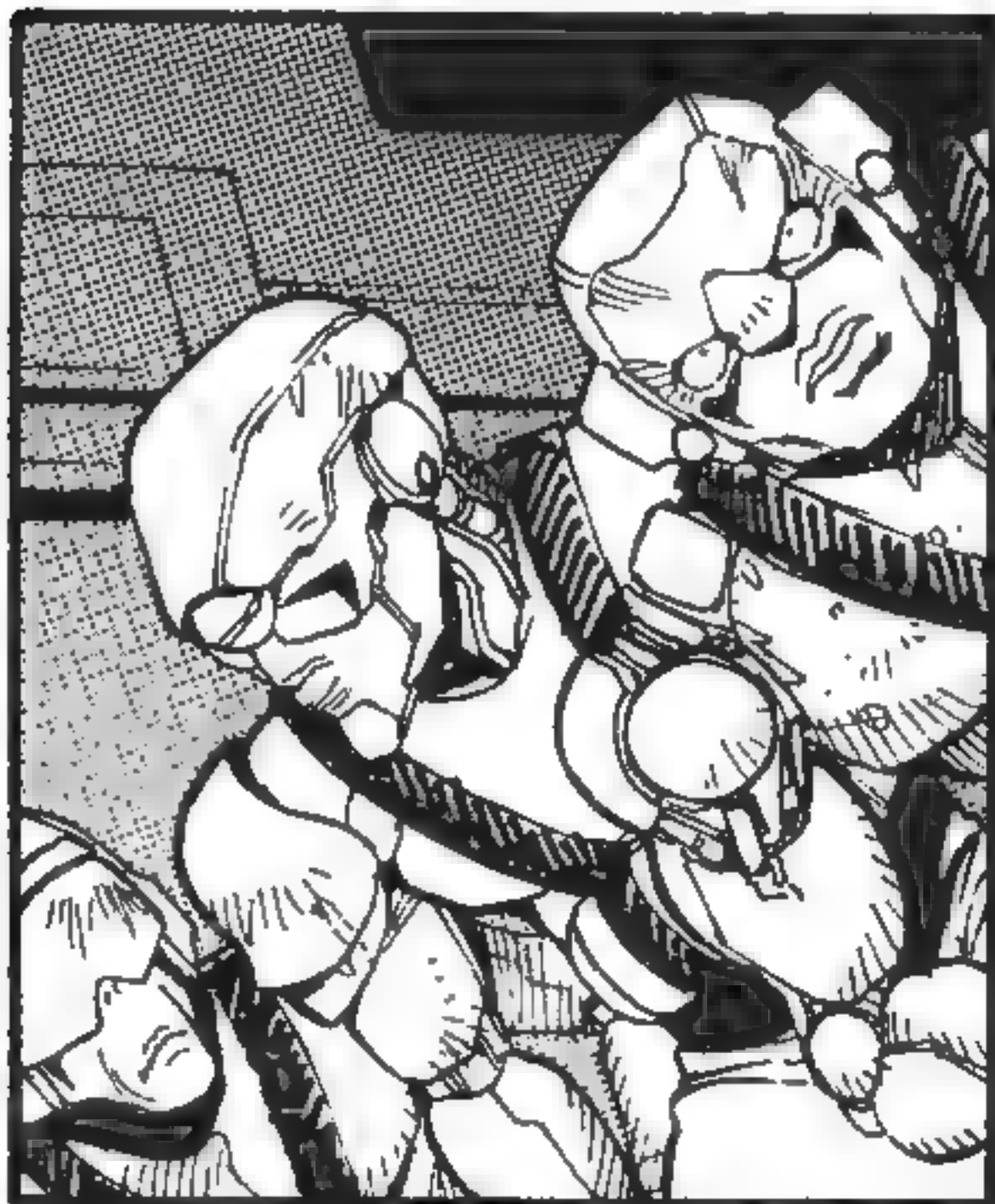


*Zubringer: A high-functioning gel-like nanotech material. It protects cyborg soldiers from cosmic rays and temperature fluctuations, and synthesizes oxygen to breathe. The surface color, texture, and hardness can be controlled electronically, making it useful as a kind of minimalistic stealth space suit.



DISPOSE
OF THE
WOUNDED
FIRST!

WE'LL
BLOW
THE SHIP
AFTER ALL
FORCES
HAVE JET-
TISONED.



THAT'S ALL
IT WILL TAKE
FOR THEM TO
RUE THEIR
ARROGANCE
IN THEIR
DYING
MOMENTS!!

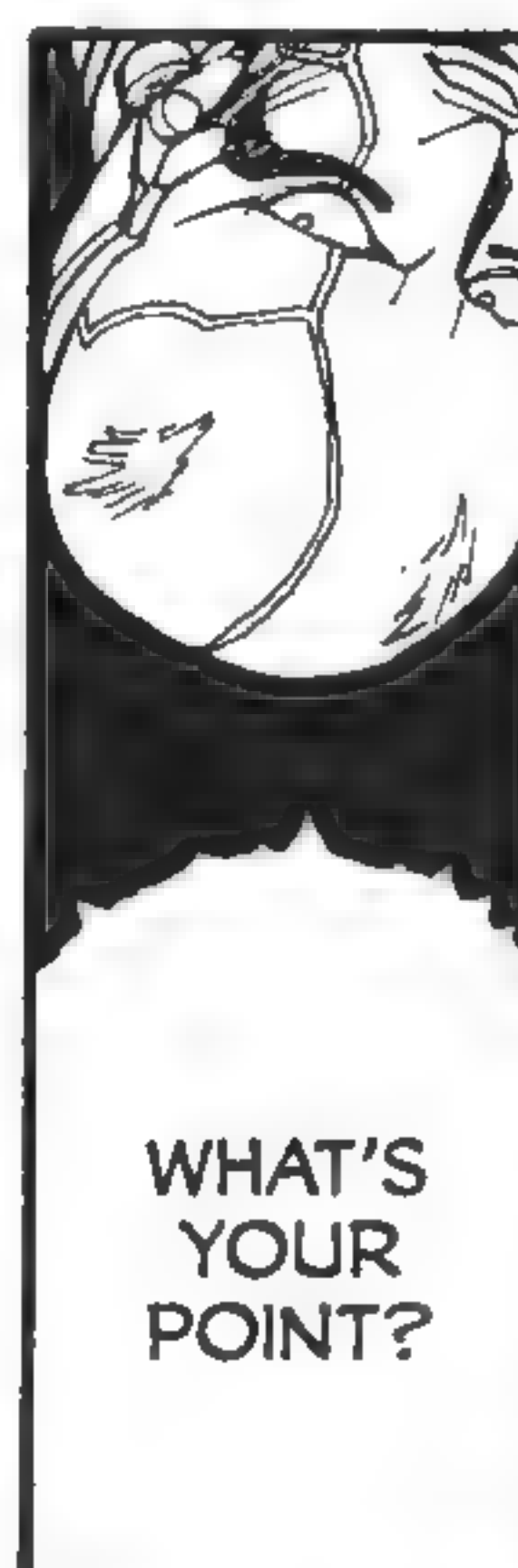
ALL YOU
NEED TO
DO IS
BLOW UP
**SOME-
THING** ON
IT-I DON'T
CARE
WHERE!

JERU IS THE
TERMINAL AT
THE END OF THE
ORBITAL TOWER
FIXED IN PLACE
BY THE ORBITAL
RING, MEAN-
ING THAT IT IS
MAINTAINED
BY A DELICATE
BALANCE!

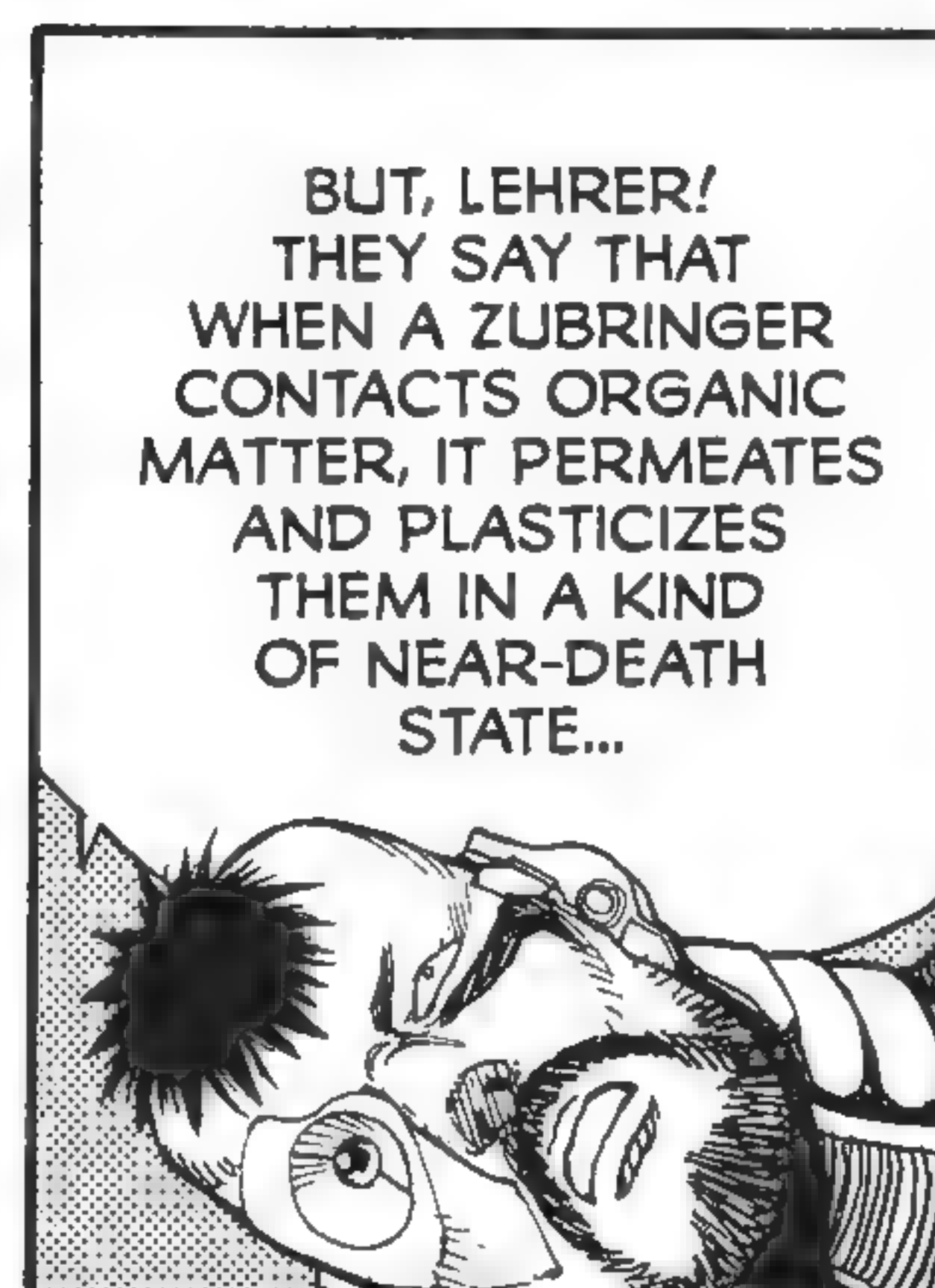


IT SEEMS TOO
CRUEL TO KILL
THEM, JUST
BECAUSE THEY
ARE UNABLE
TO FIGHT...

WHY
CAN'T WE
PLASTICIZE
THE BRAINS
OF THE
WOUNDED
TO KEEP
THEM
ALIVE?



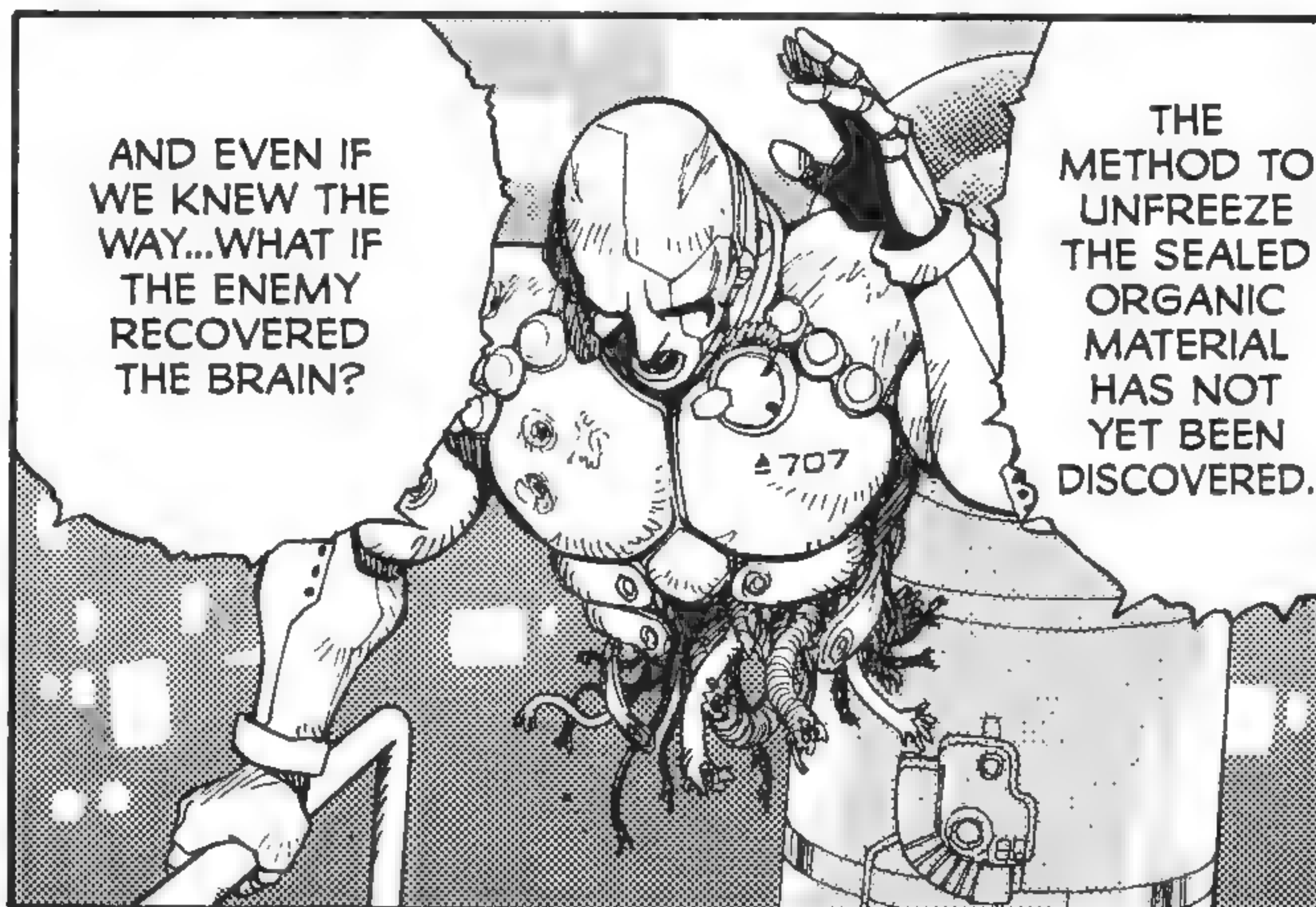
WHAT'S
YOUR
POINT?



BUT, LEHRER!
THEY SAY THAT
WHEN A ZUBRINGER
CONTACTS ORGANIC
MATTER, IT PERMEATES
AND PLASTICIZES
THEM IN A KIND
OF NEAR-DEATH
STATE...



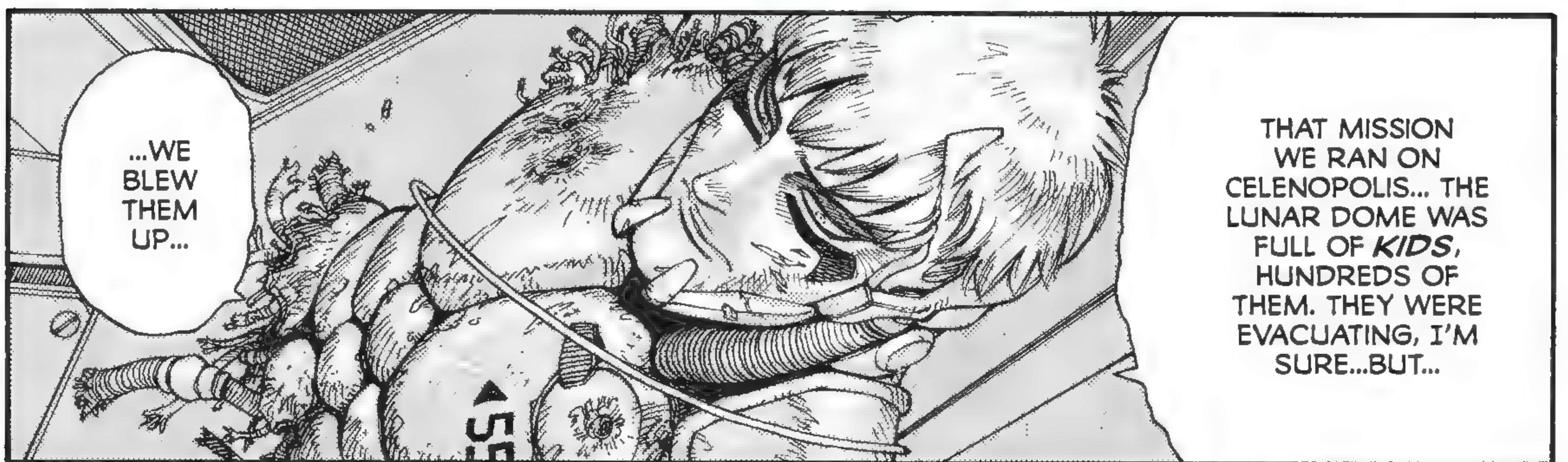
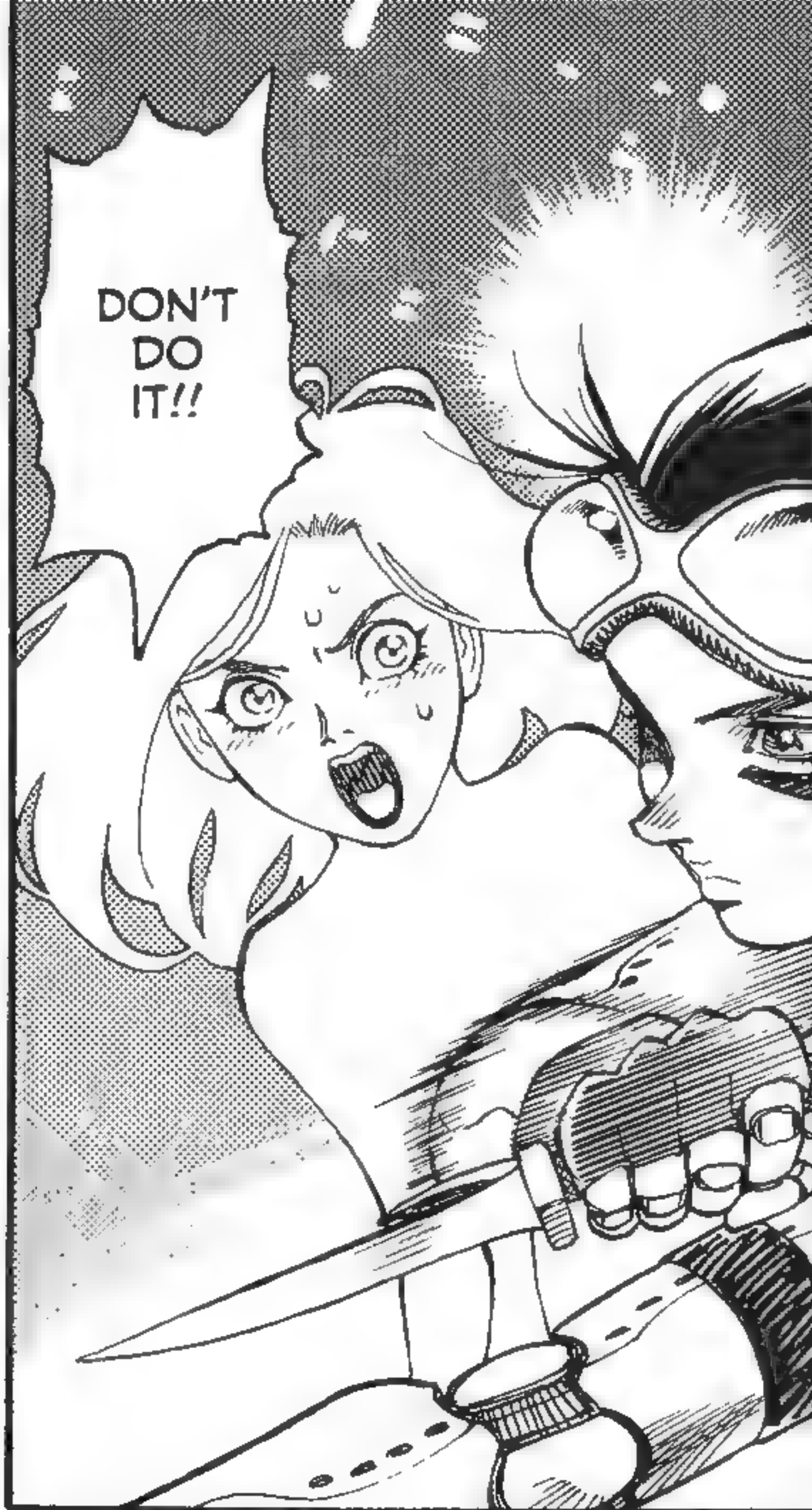
MAY
MARS
BESTOW
HIS FAVOR
UPON
US!!

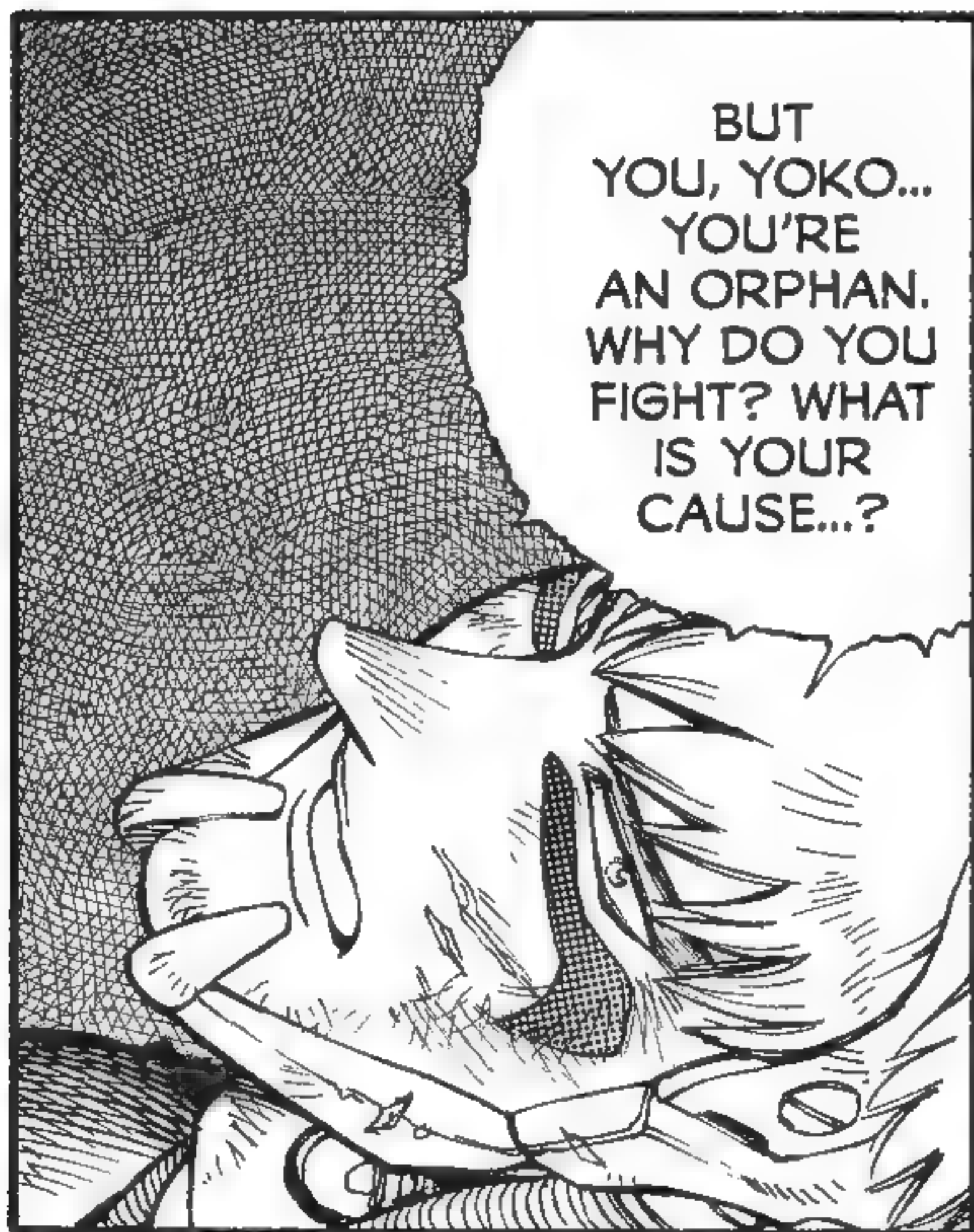


AND EVEN IF
WE KNEW THE
WAY...WHAT IF
THE ENEMY
RECOVERED
THE BRAIN?

THE
METHOD TO
UNFREEZE
THE SEALED
ORGANIC
MATERIAL
HAS NOT
YET BEEN
DISCOVERED.





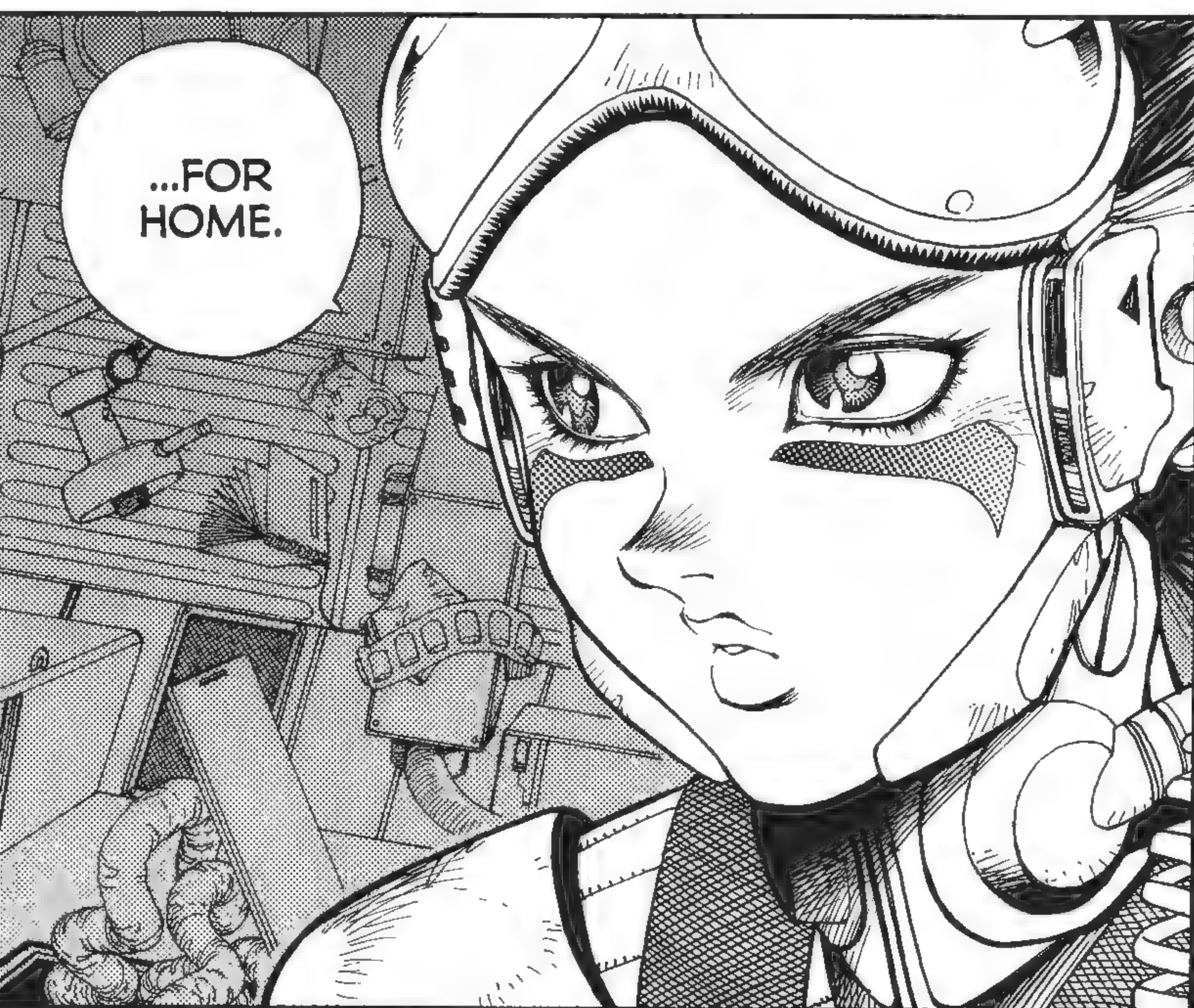


BUT
YOU, YOKO...
YOU'RE
AN ORPHAN.
WHY DO YOU
FIGHT? WHAT
IS YOUR
CAUSE...?



SOMETHING
WENT CRAZY
AFTER WE LEFT
MARS...BUT I
KEPT FIGHTING...
TO PROTECT MY
FAMILY BACK
HOME. AND
NOW...I JUST
DON'T KNOW
ANYMORE...

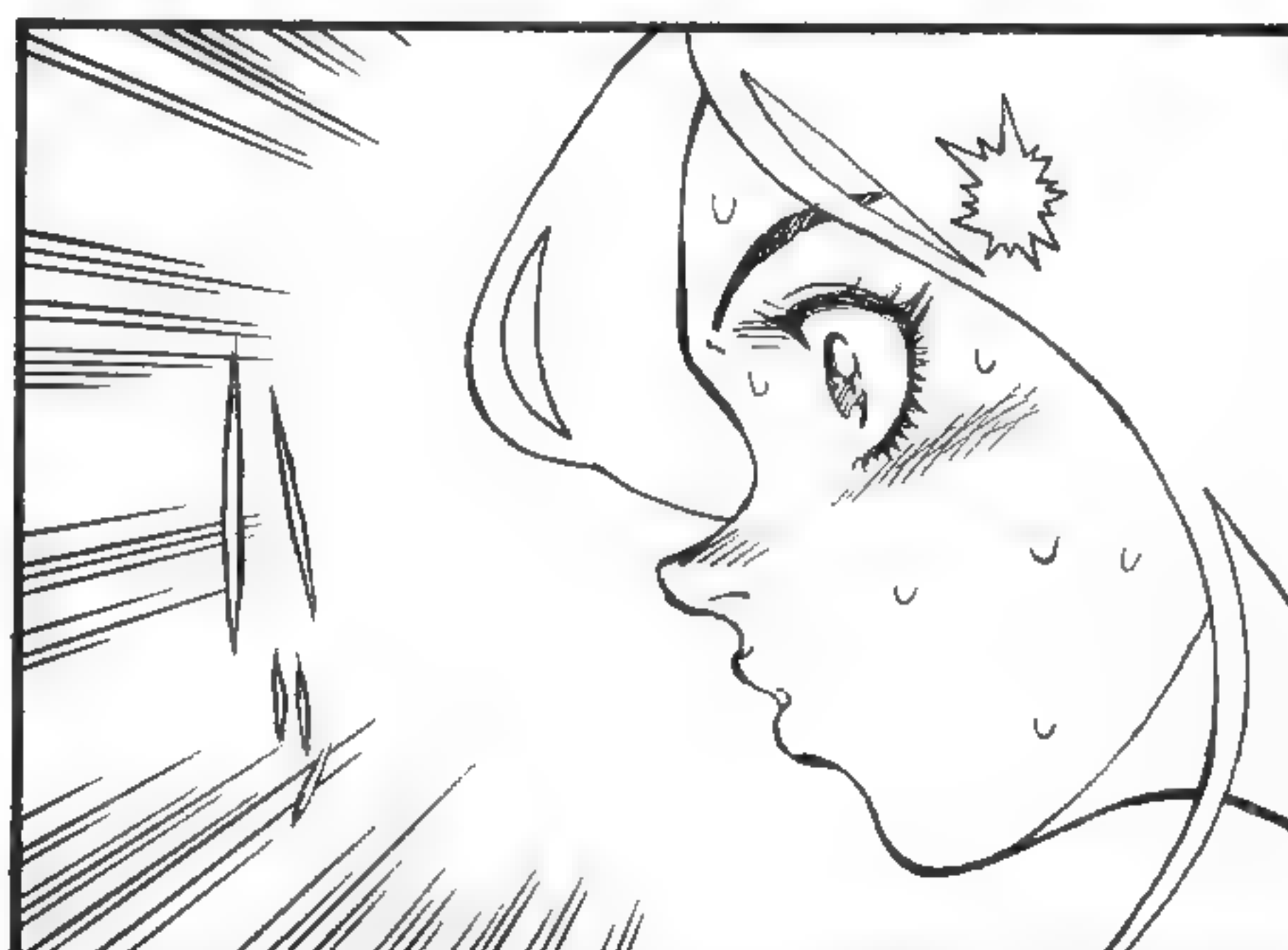
BER-
TRAM...



...FOR
HOME.



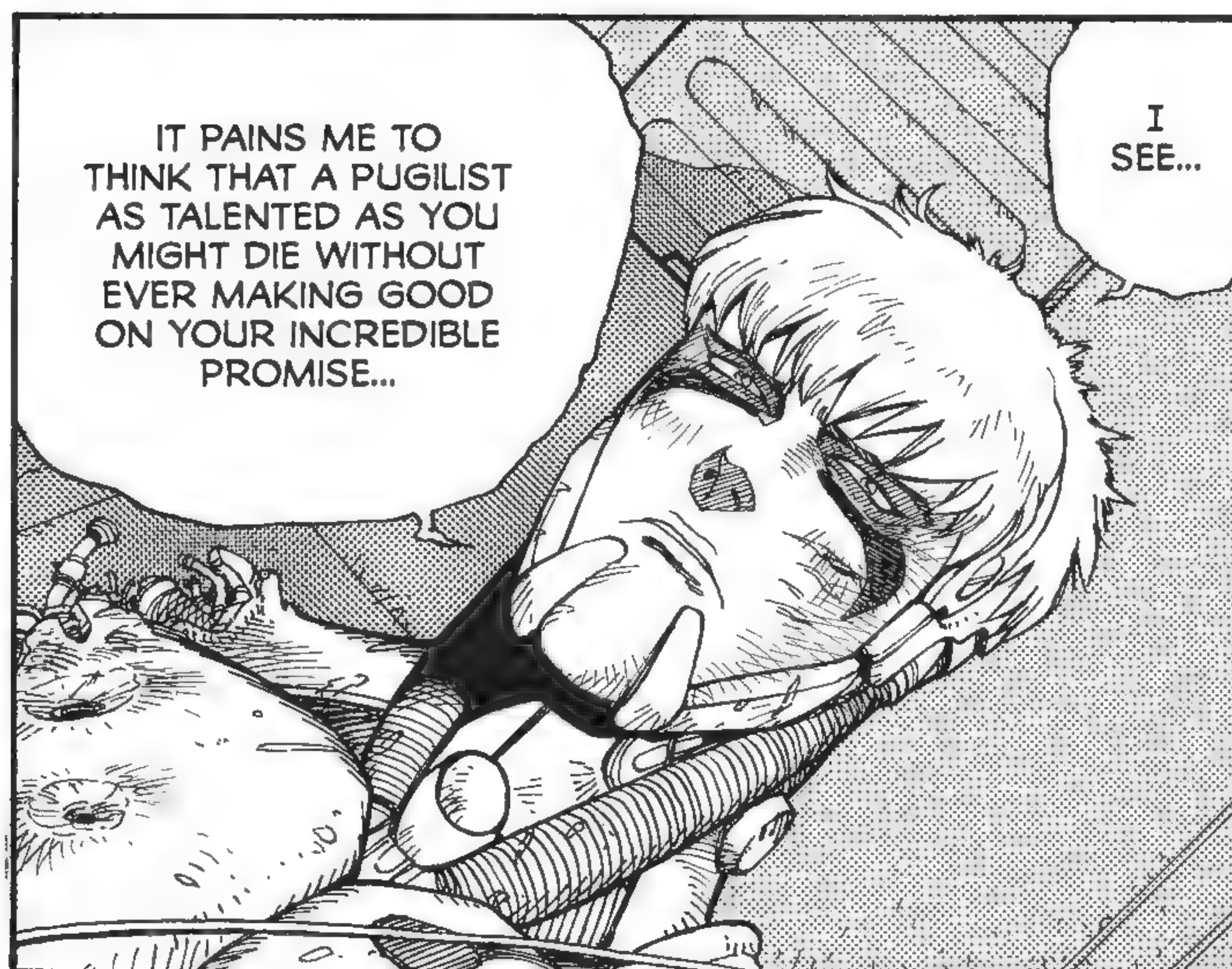
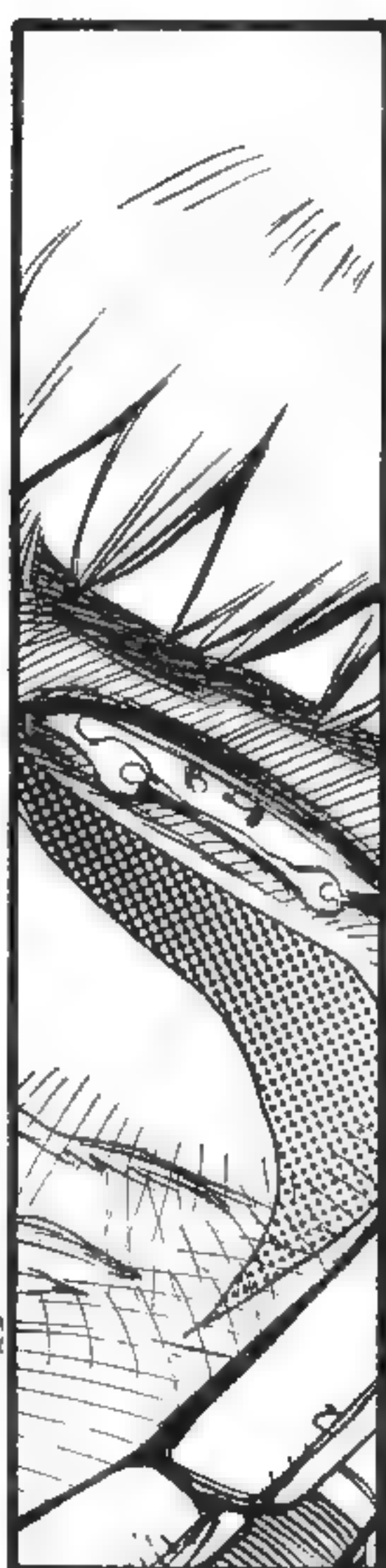
I
FIGHT...



ENOUGH
TALK,
BERT-
RAM!

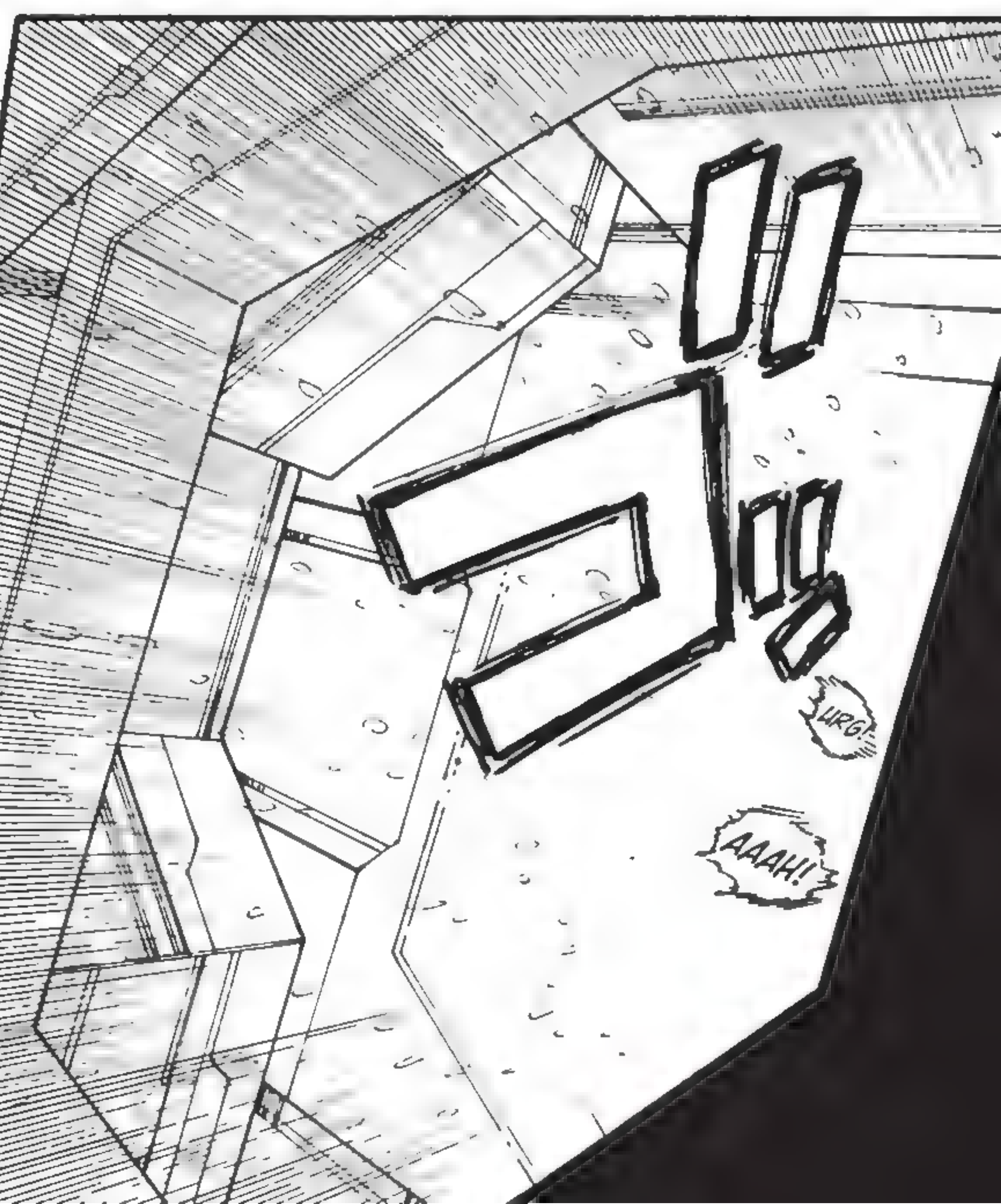
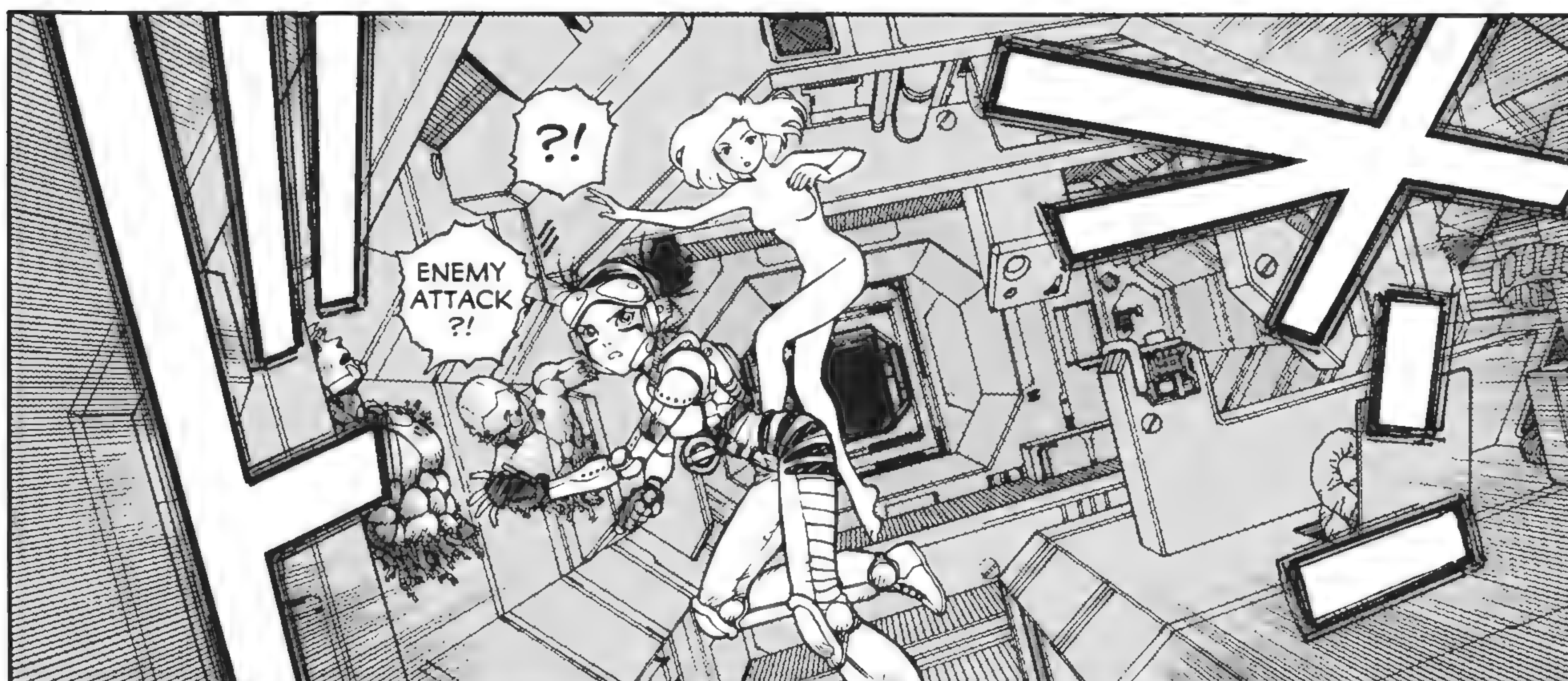
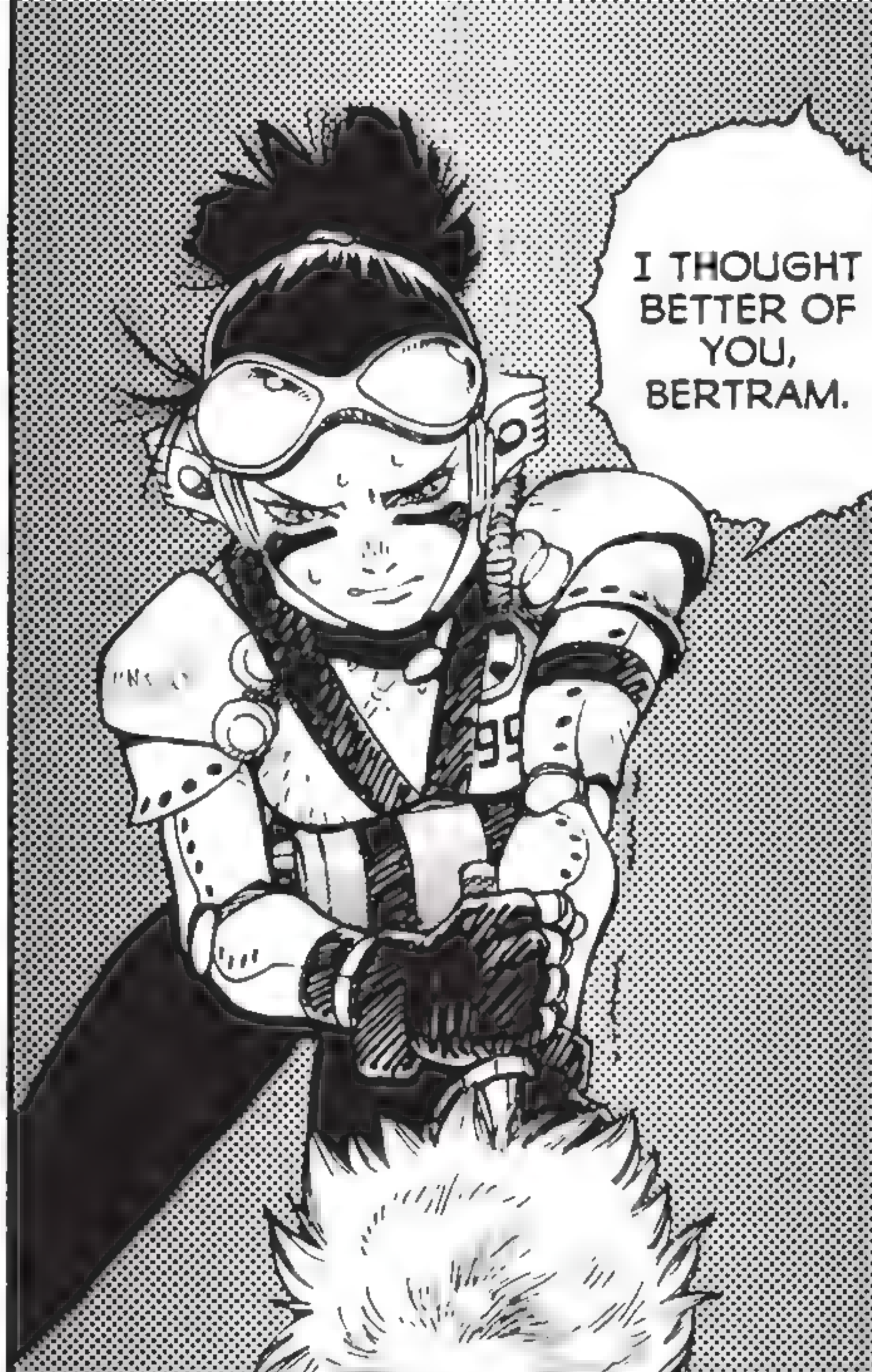
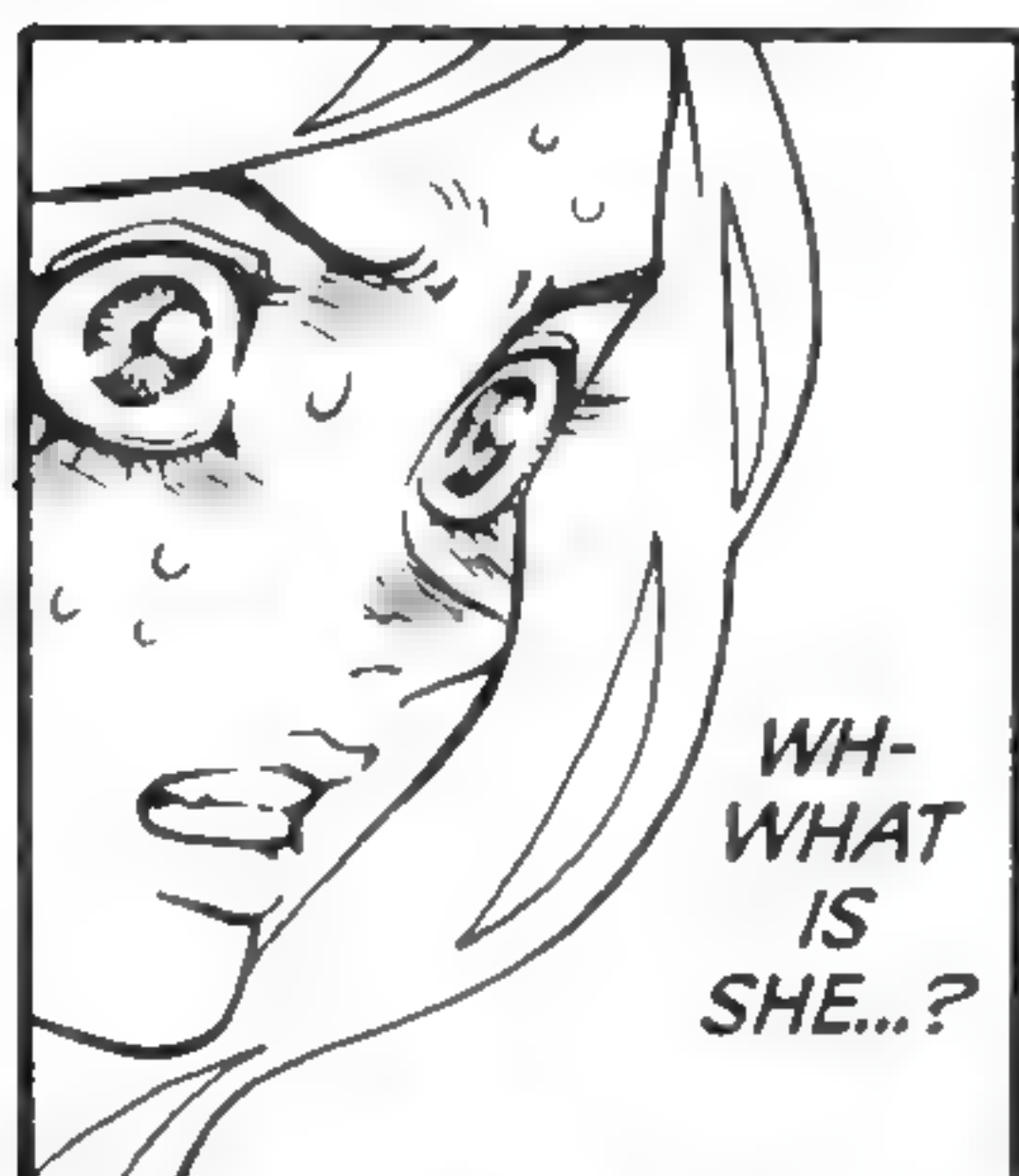


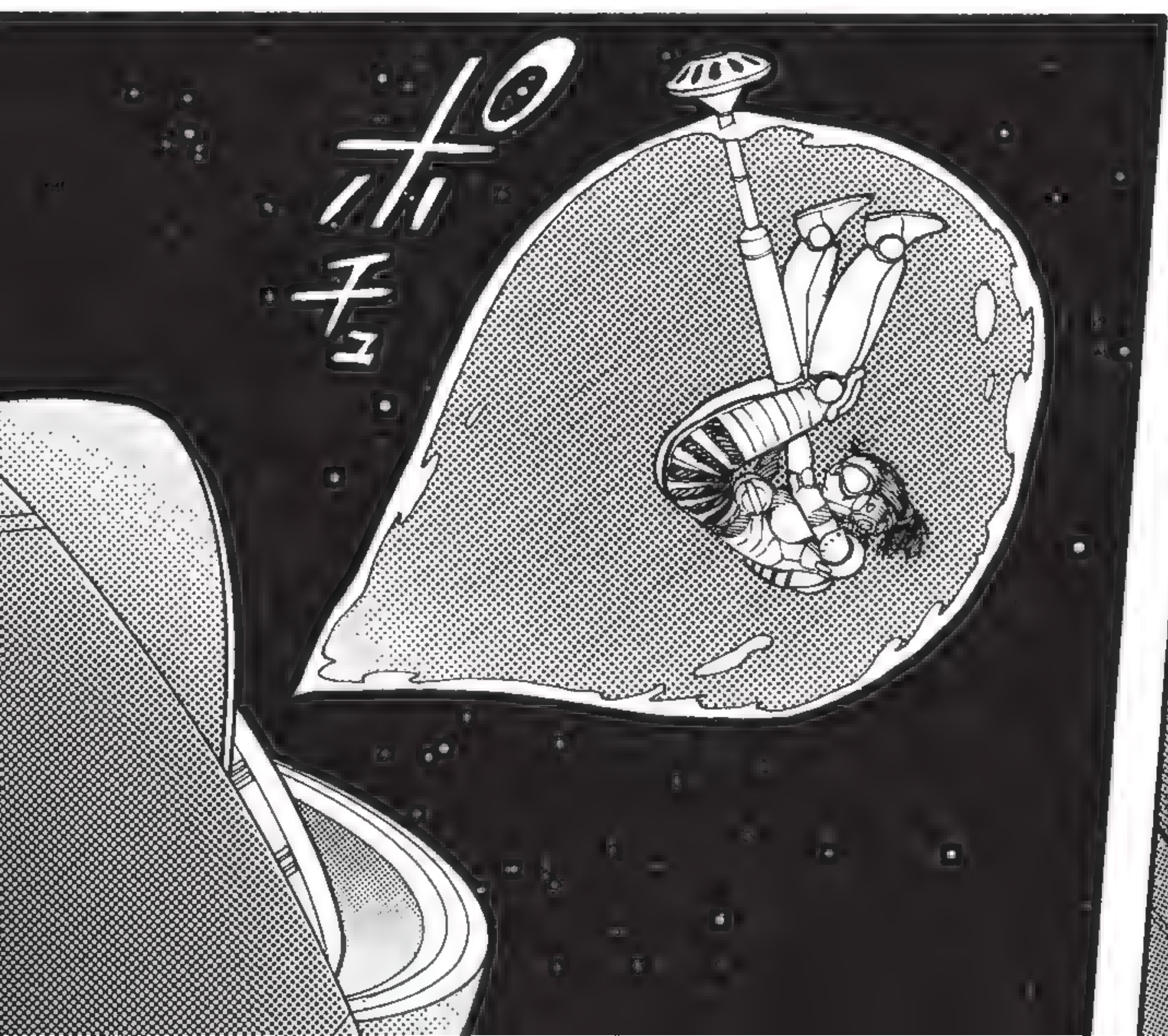
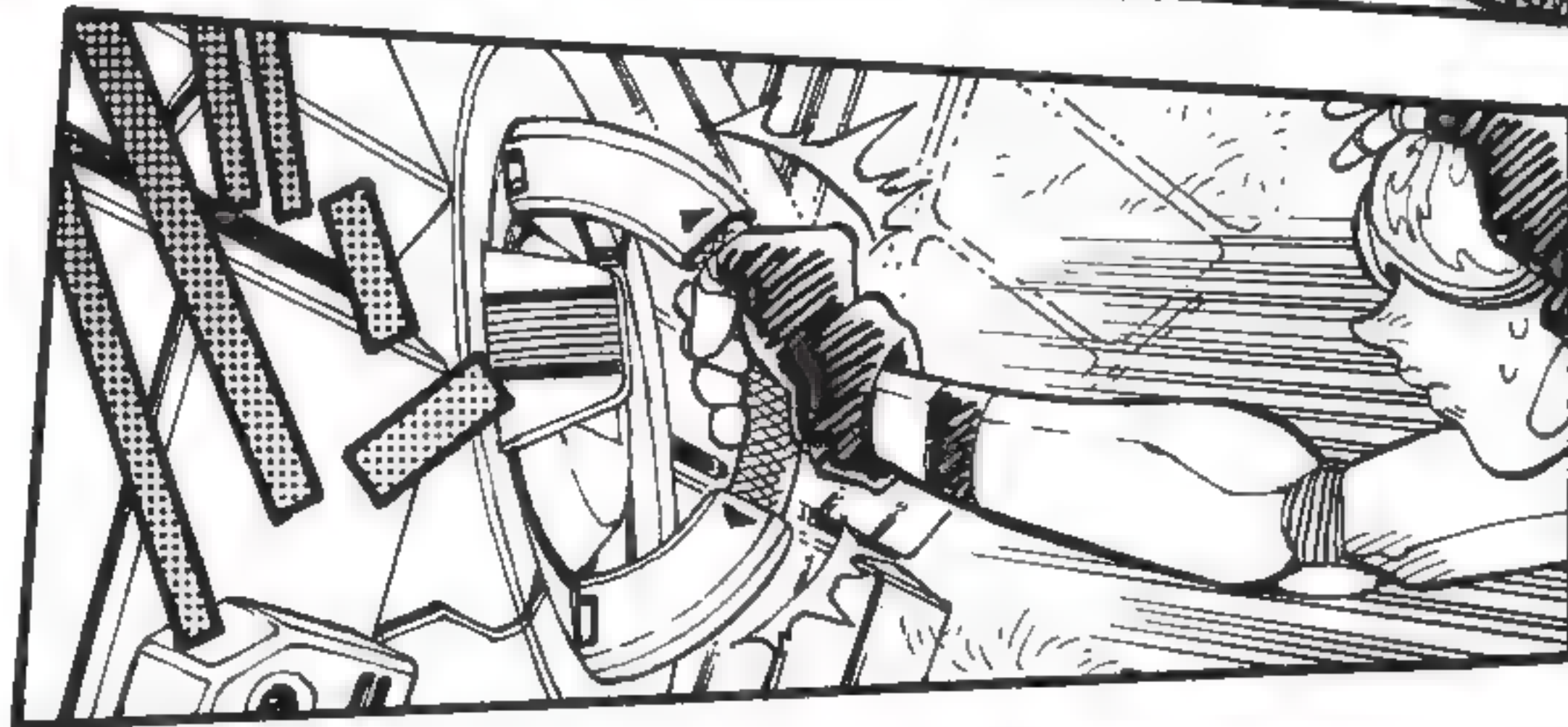
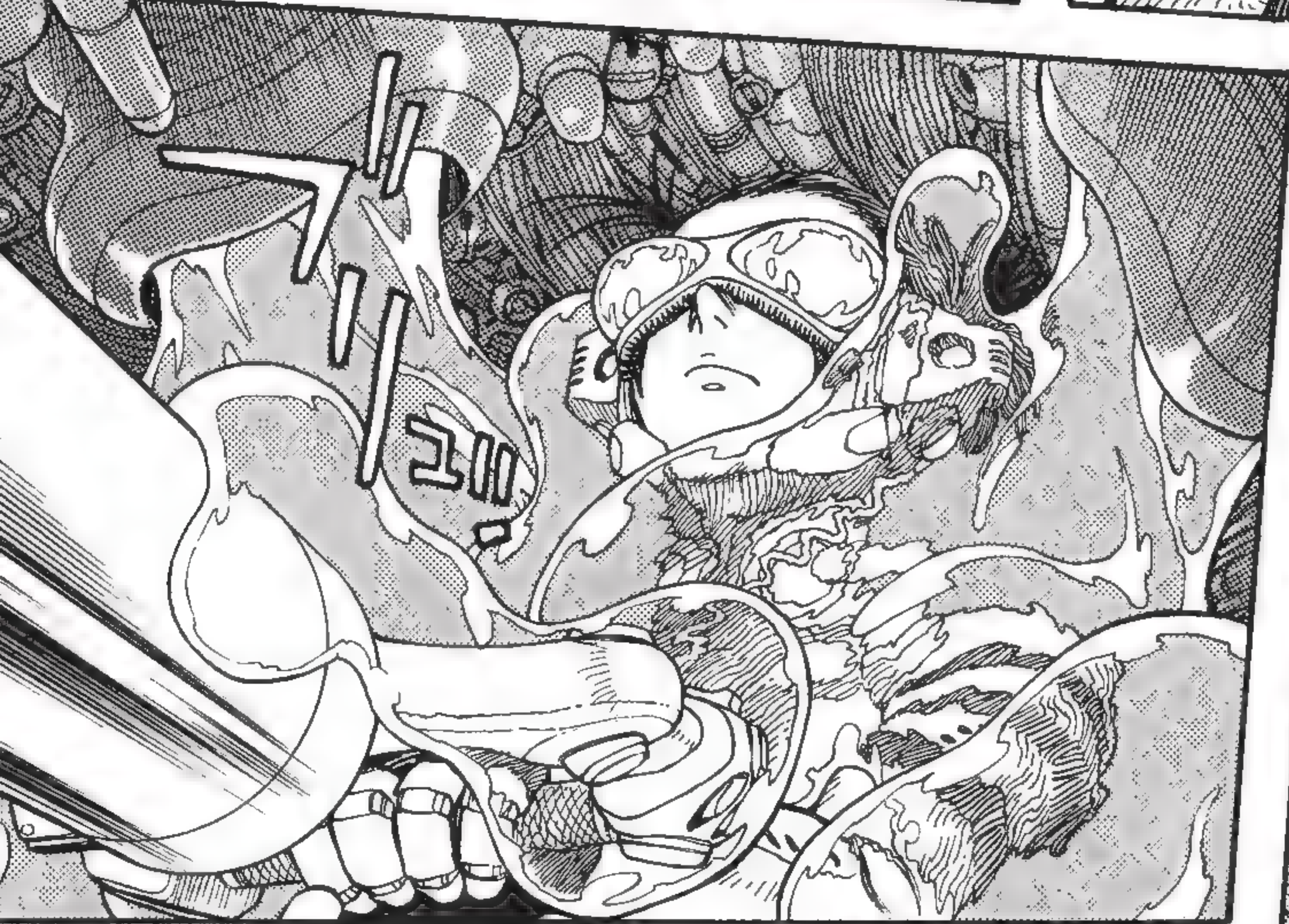
LISTEN,
YOKO-I
NEED TO
TELL YOU
THAT I'VE
ALWAYS...

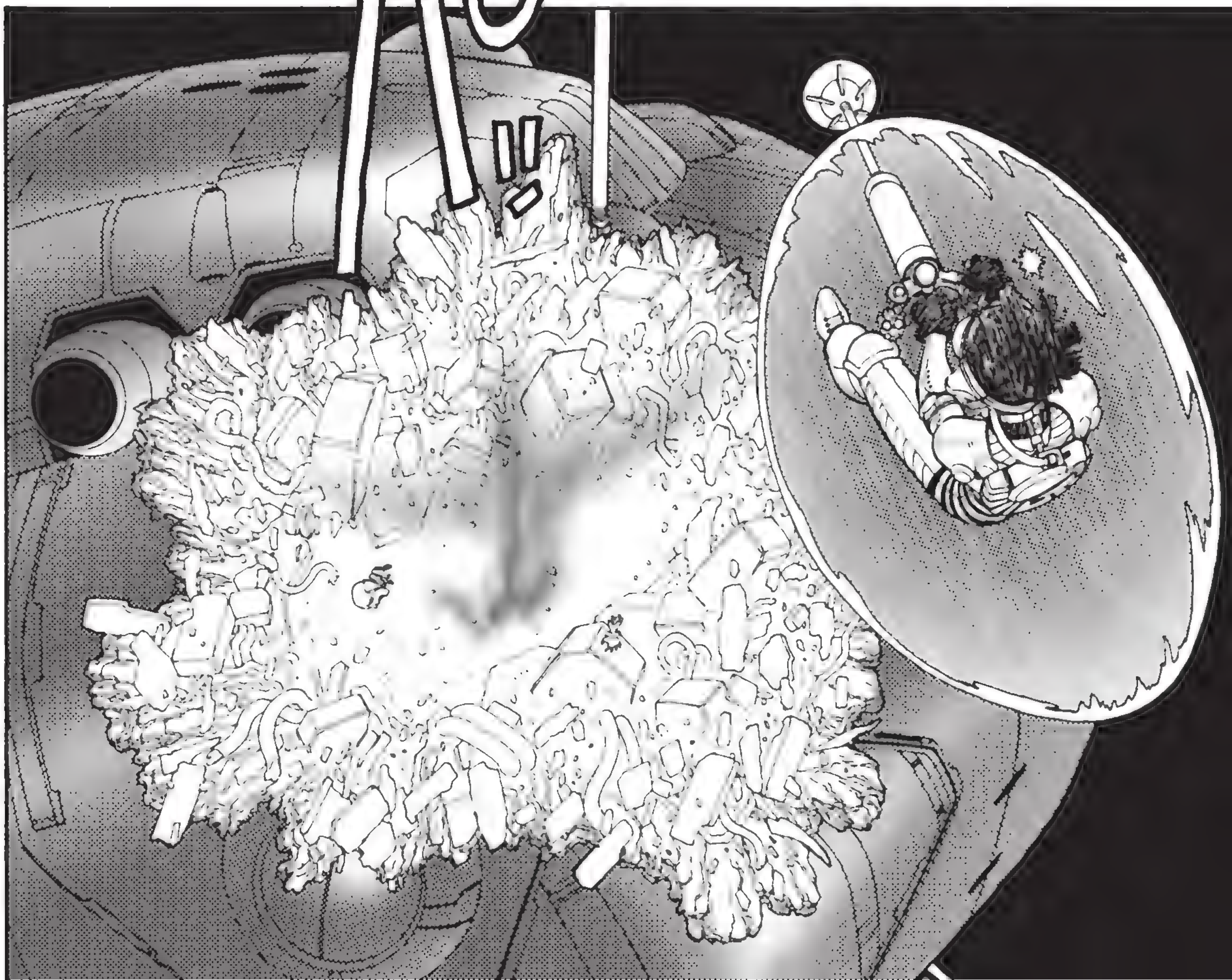
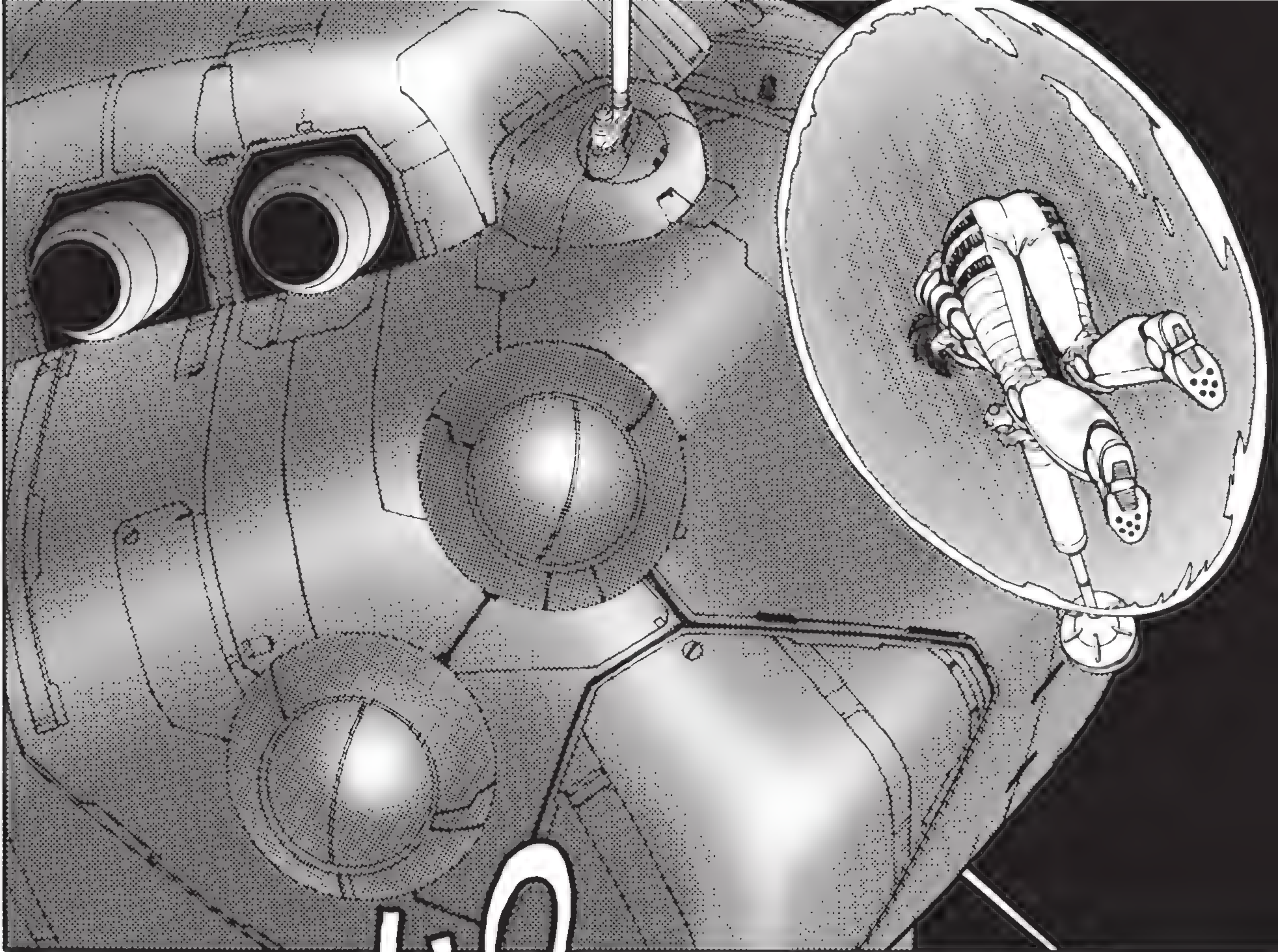


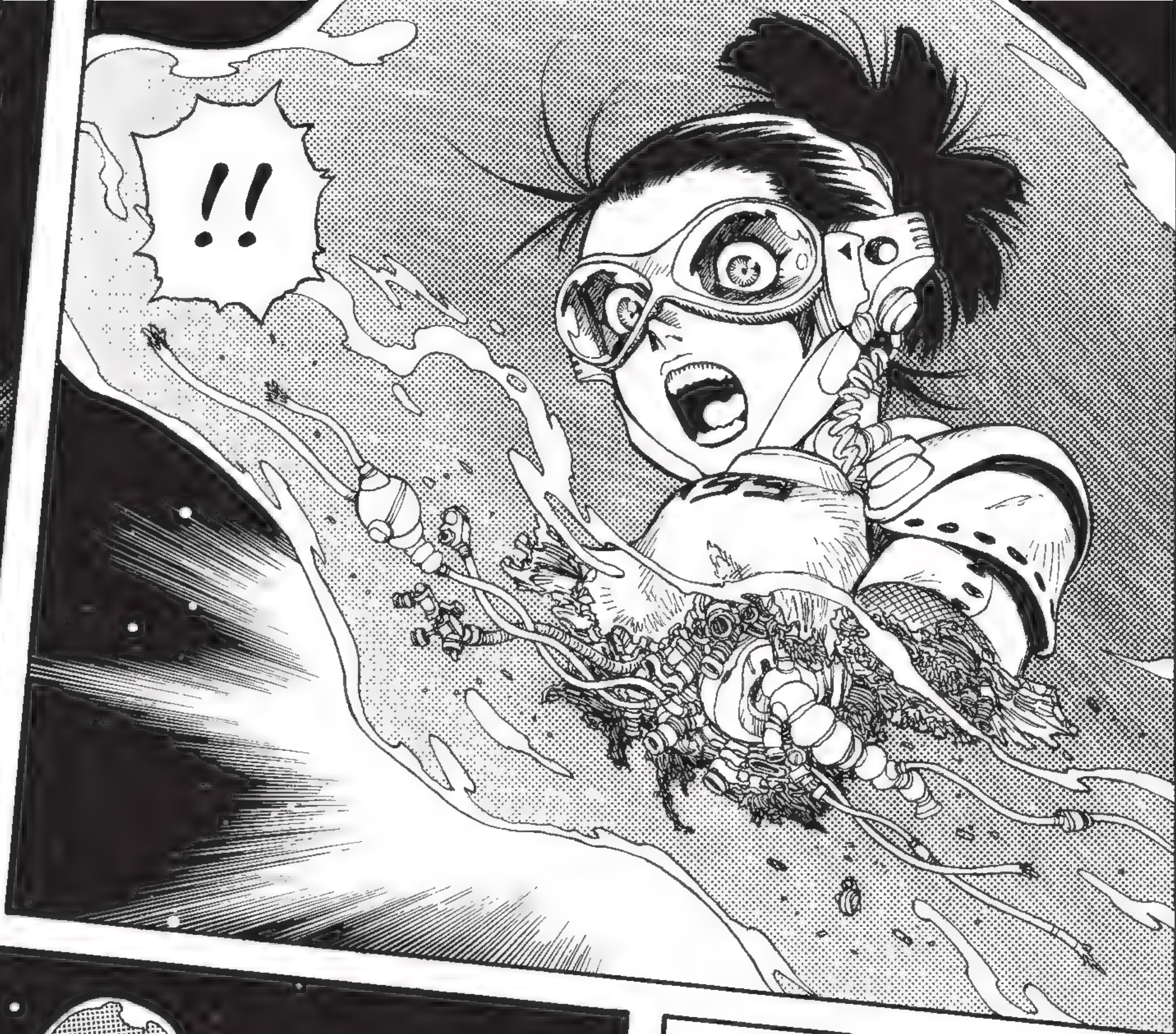
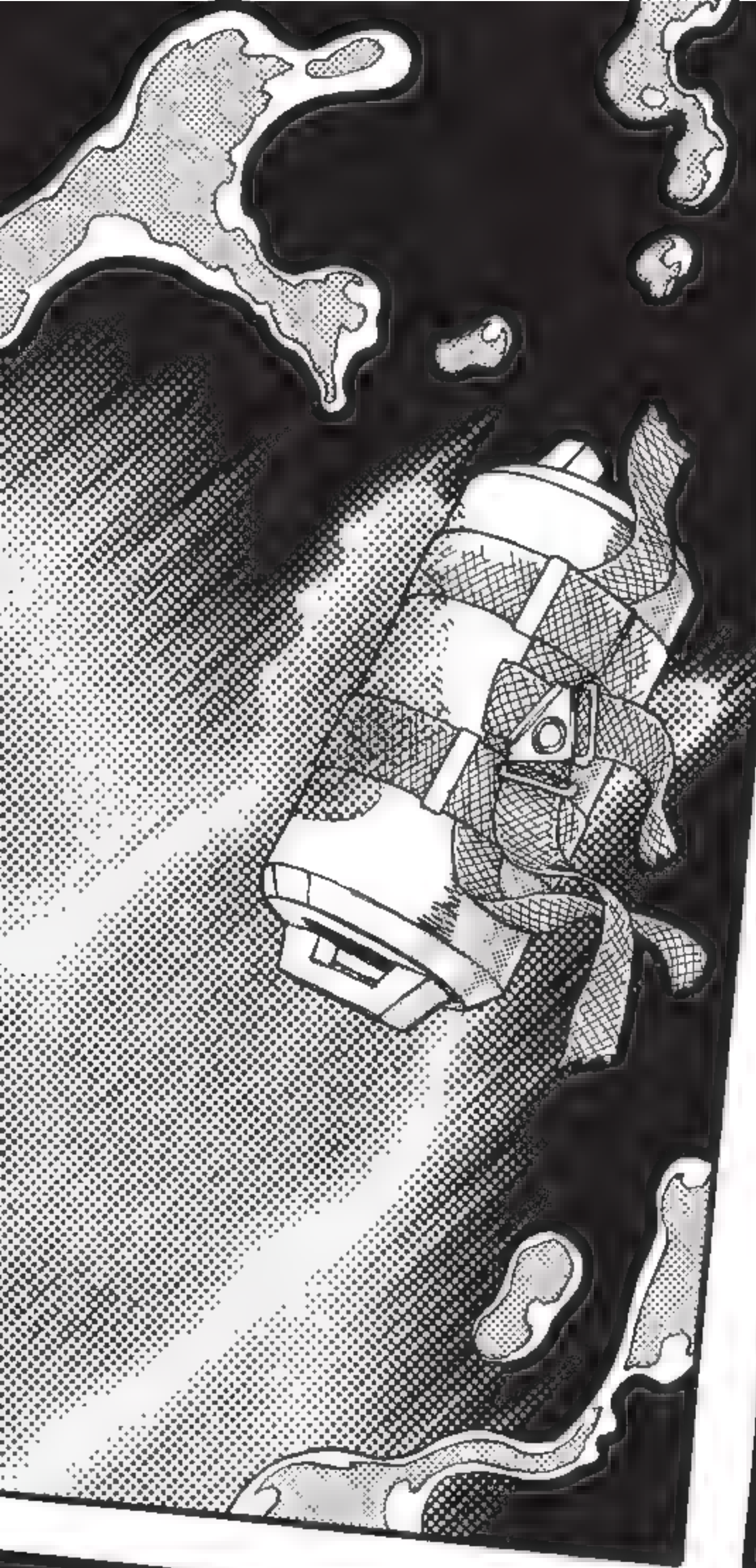
IT PAINS ME TO
THINK THAT A PUGILIST
AS TALENTED AS YOU
MIGHT DIE WITHOUT
EVER MAKING GOOD
ON YOUR INCREDIBLE
PROMISE...

I
SEE...

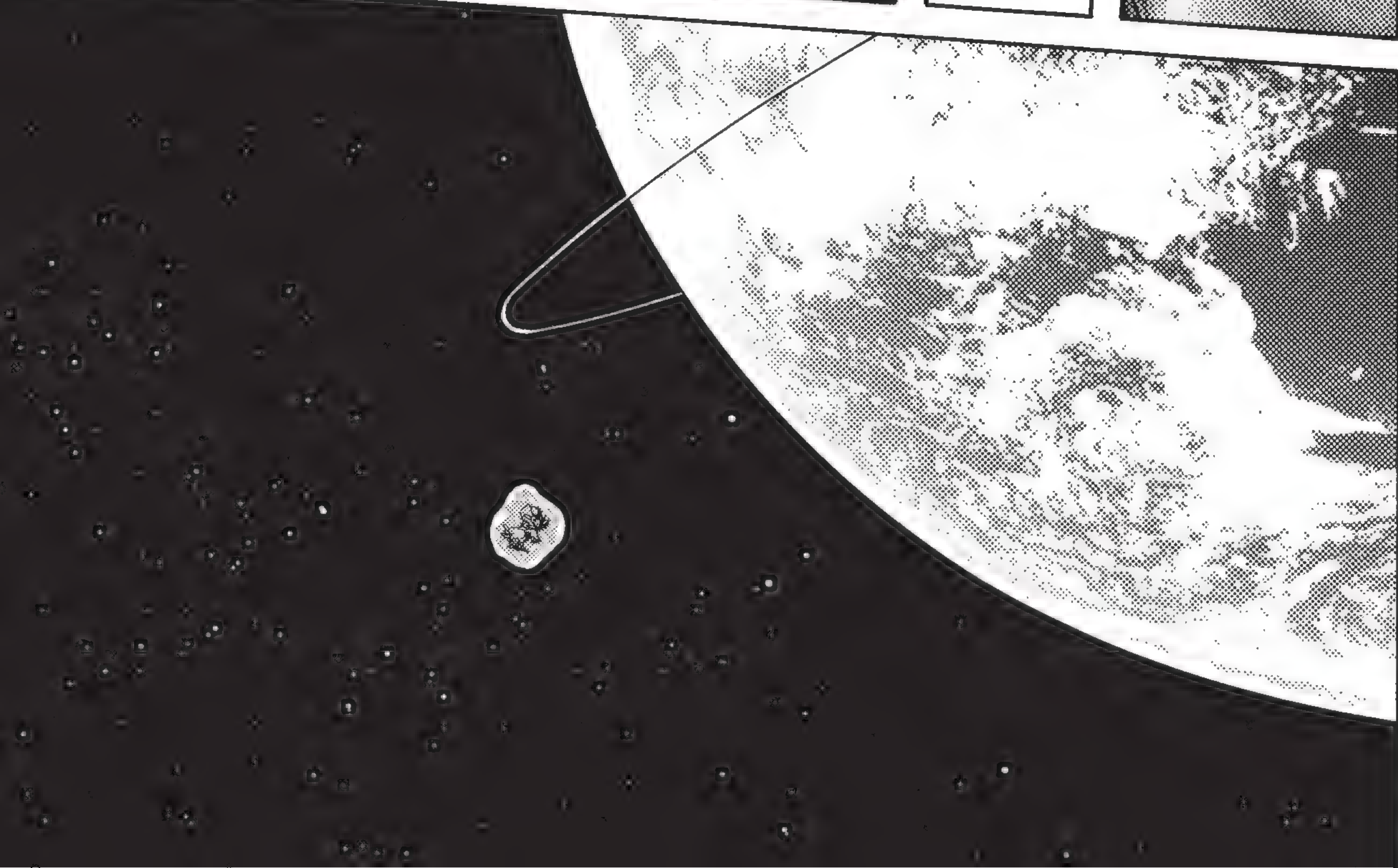
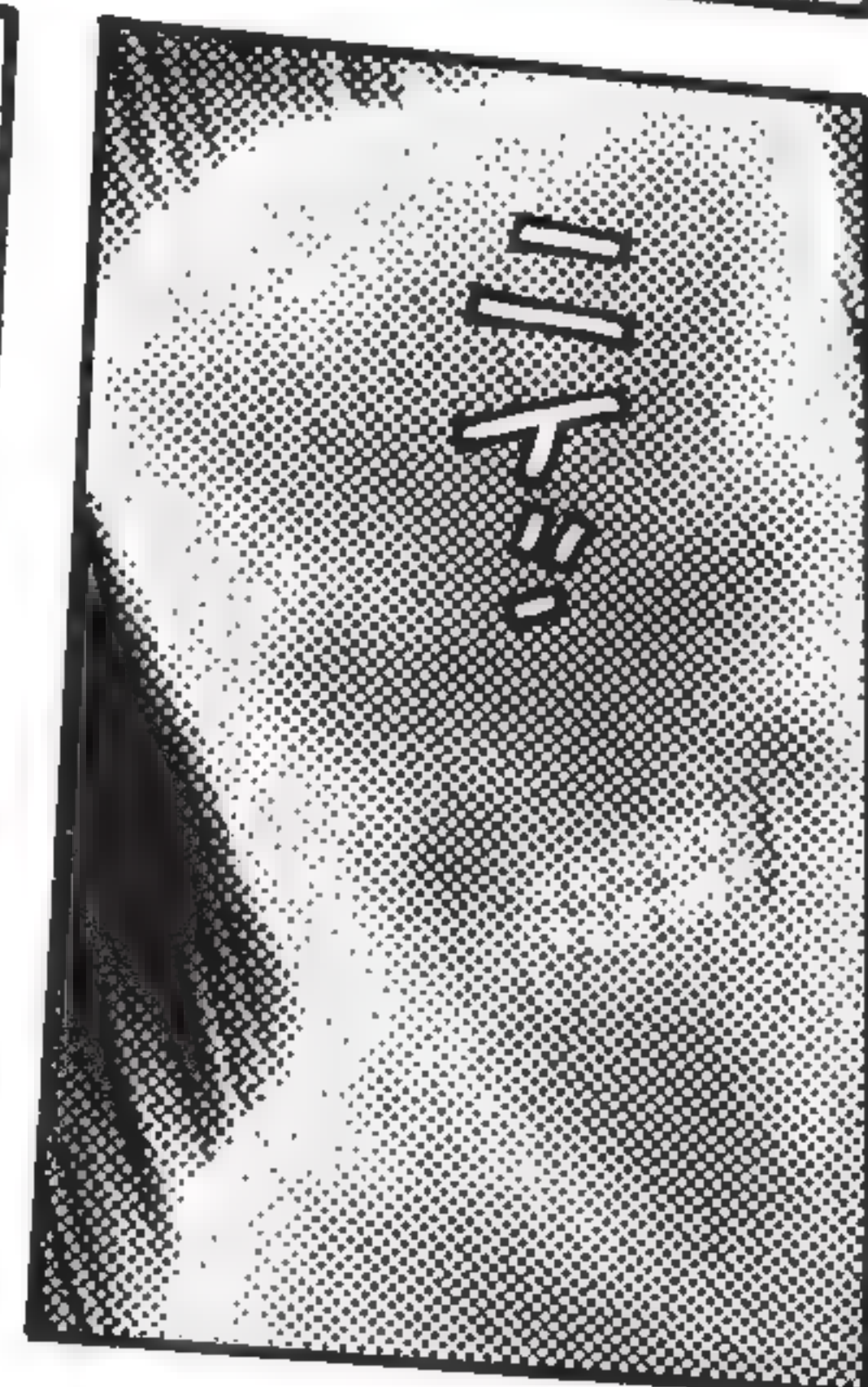


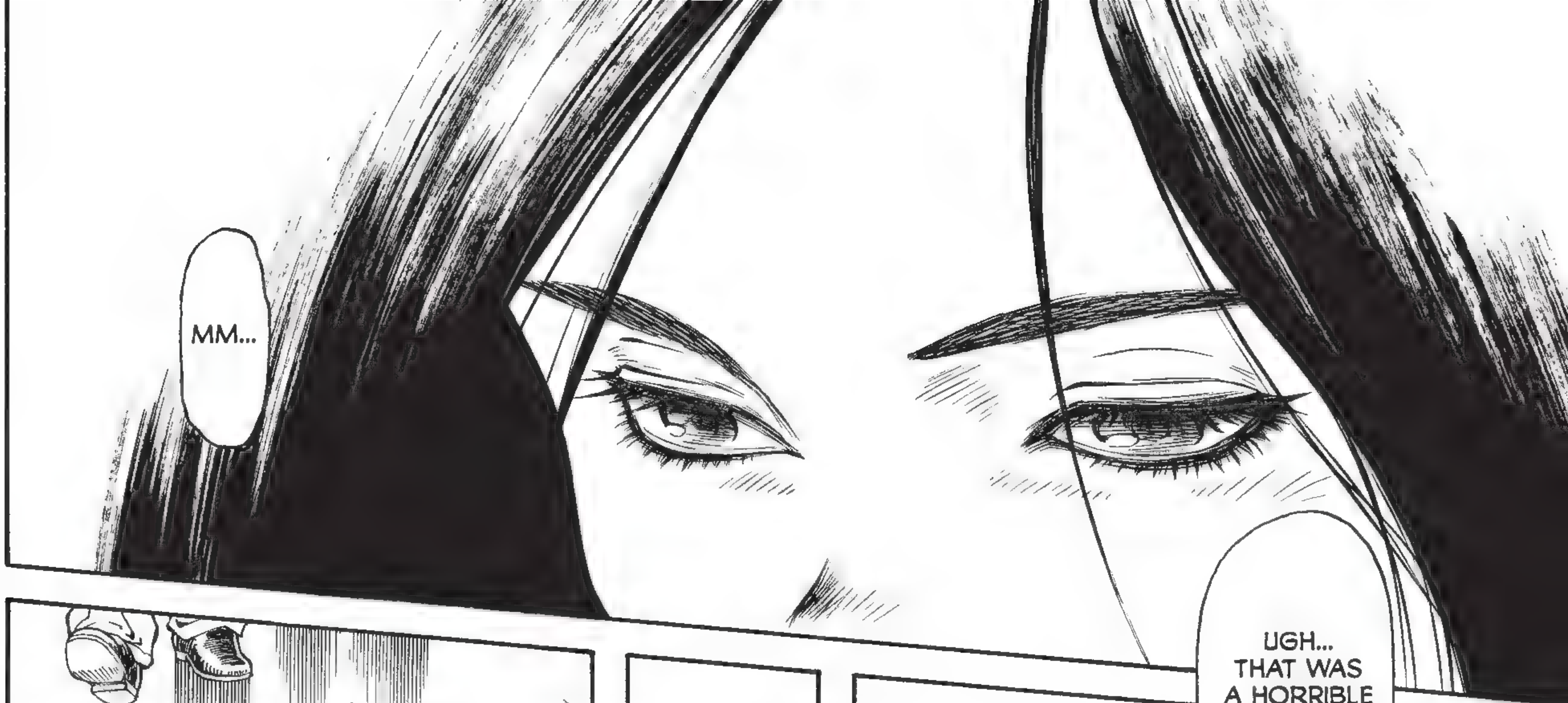






WH...
WHAT IS
THAT...?!





MM...

UGH...
THAT WAS
A HORRIBLE
DREAM...



WHY, IT
SEEMS
YOU'RE
AWAKE
AGAIN!

FORGET
THAT
NIGHT-
MARE...

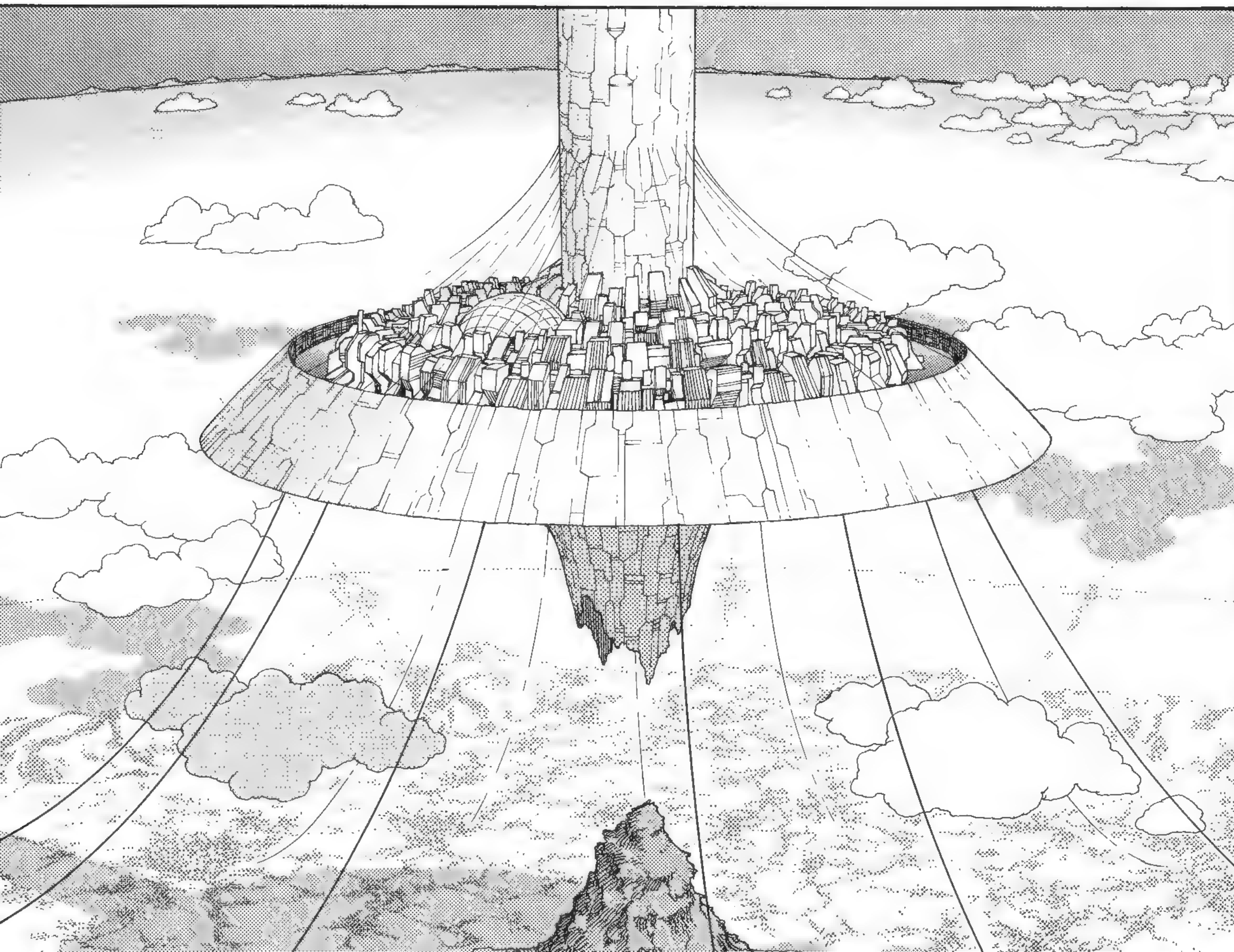
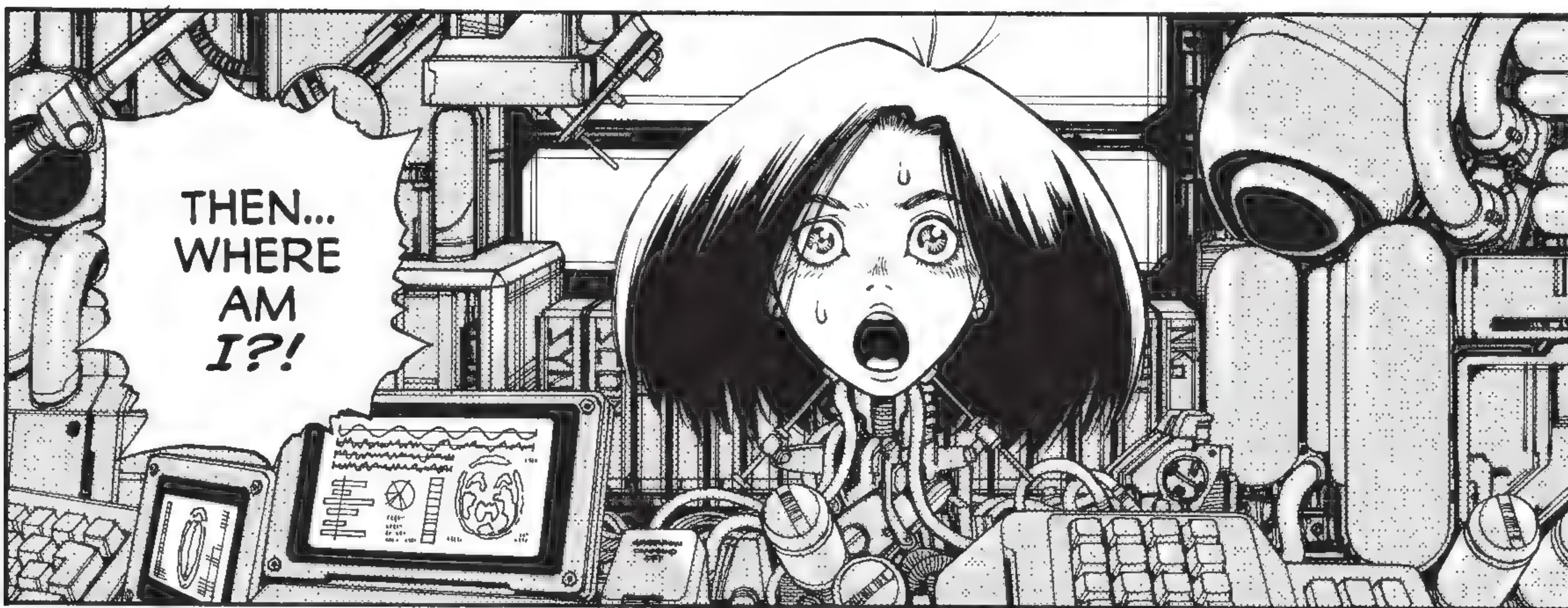
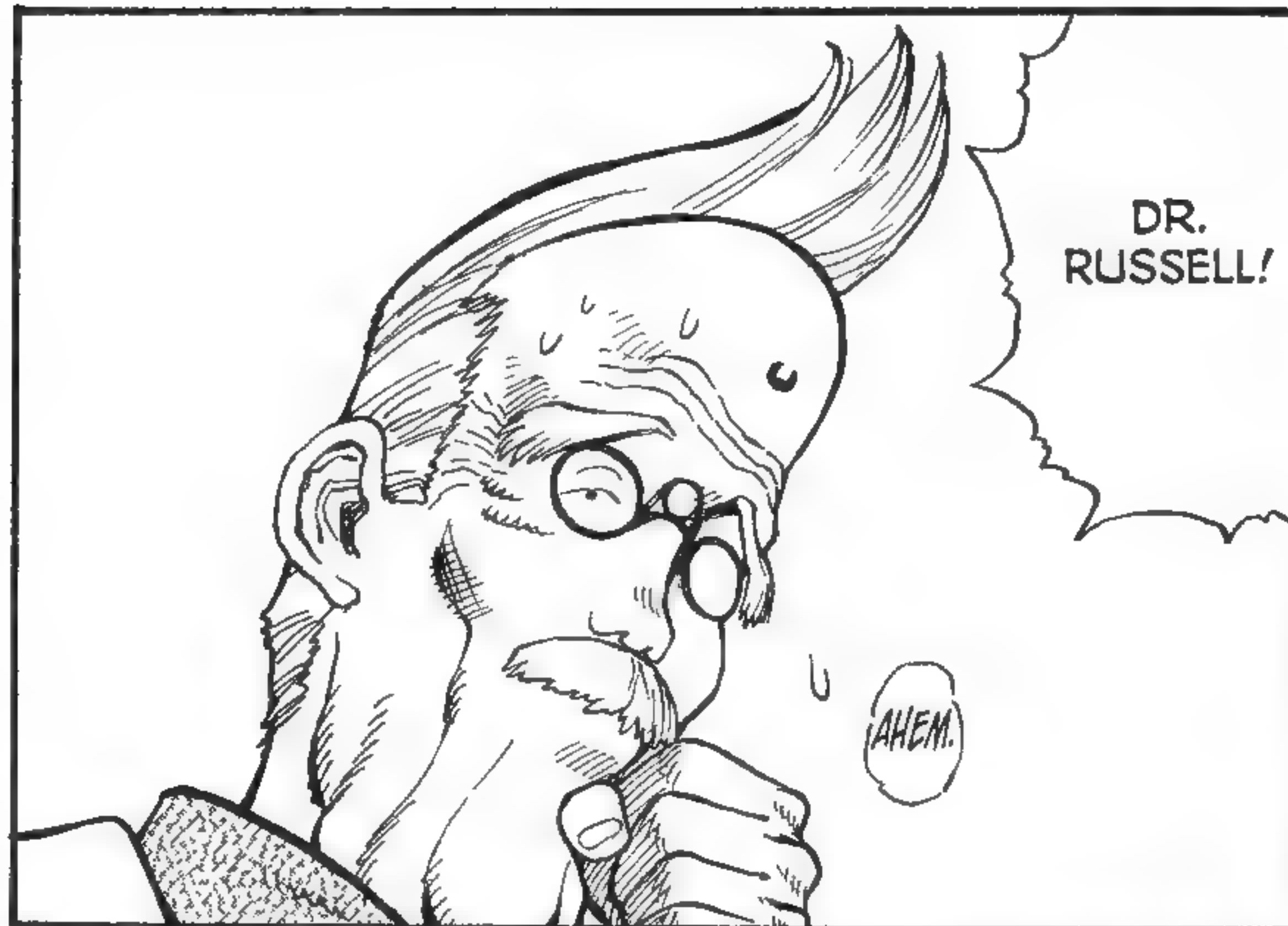


KYA HA HA!
WELCOME
TO UTOPIA!!

H-HOW
ARE YOU
FEELING,
ALITA...?



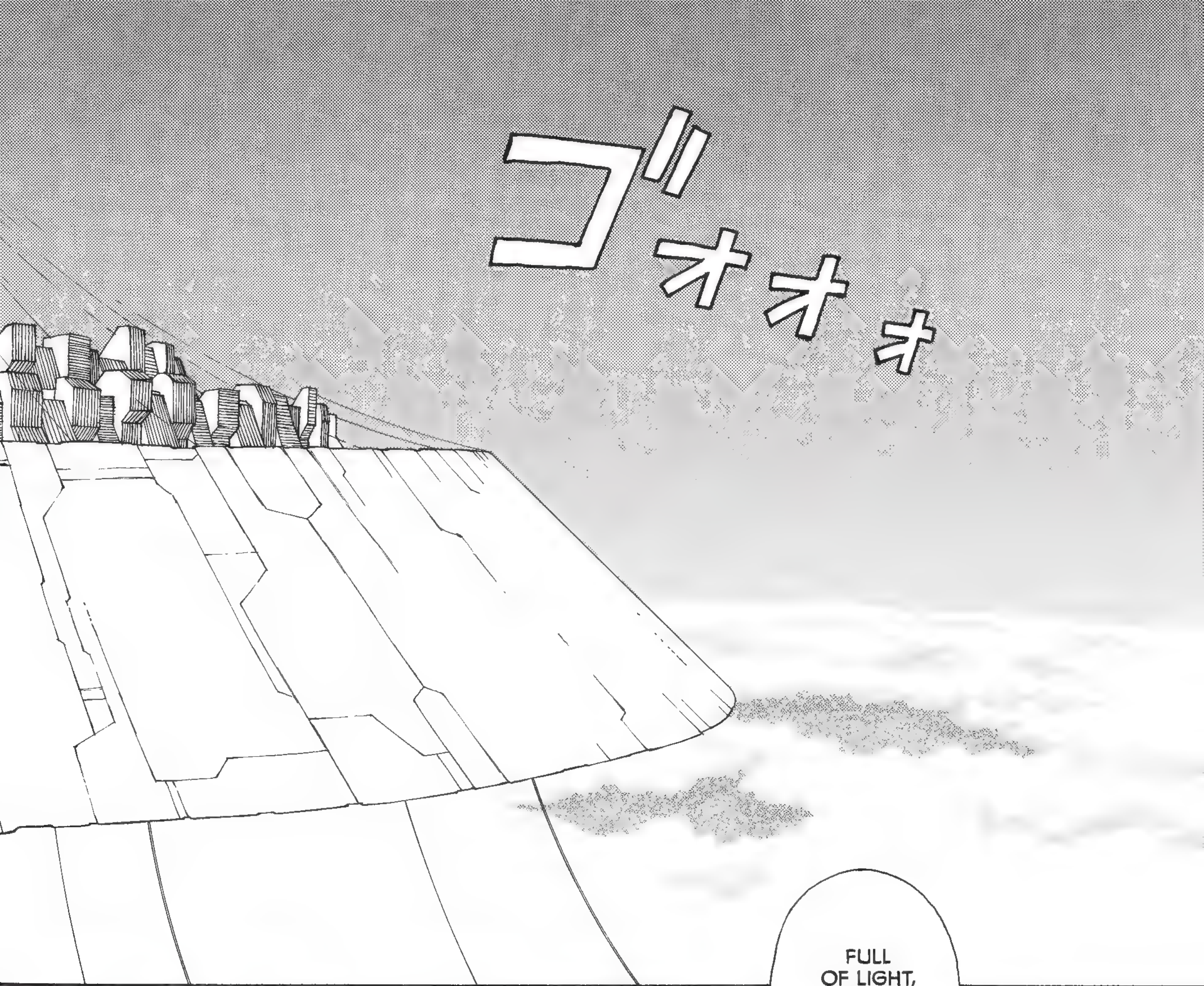
WH...
WHAT?!



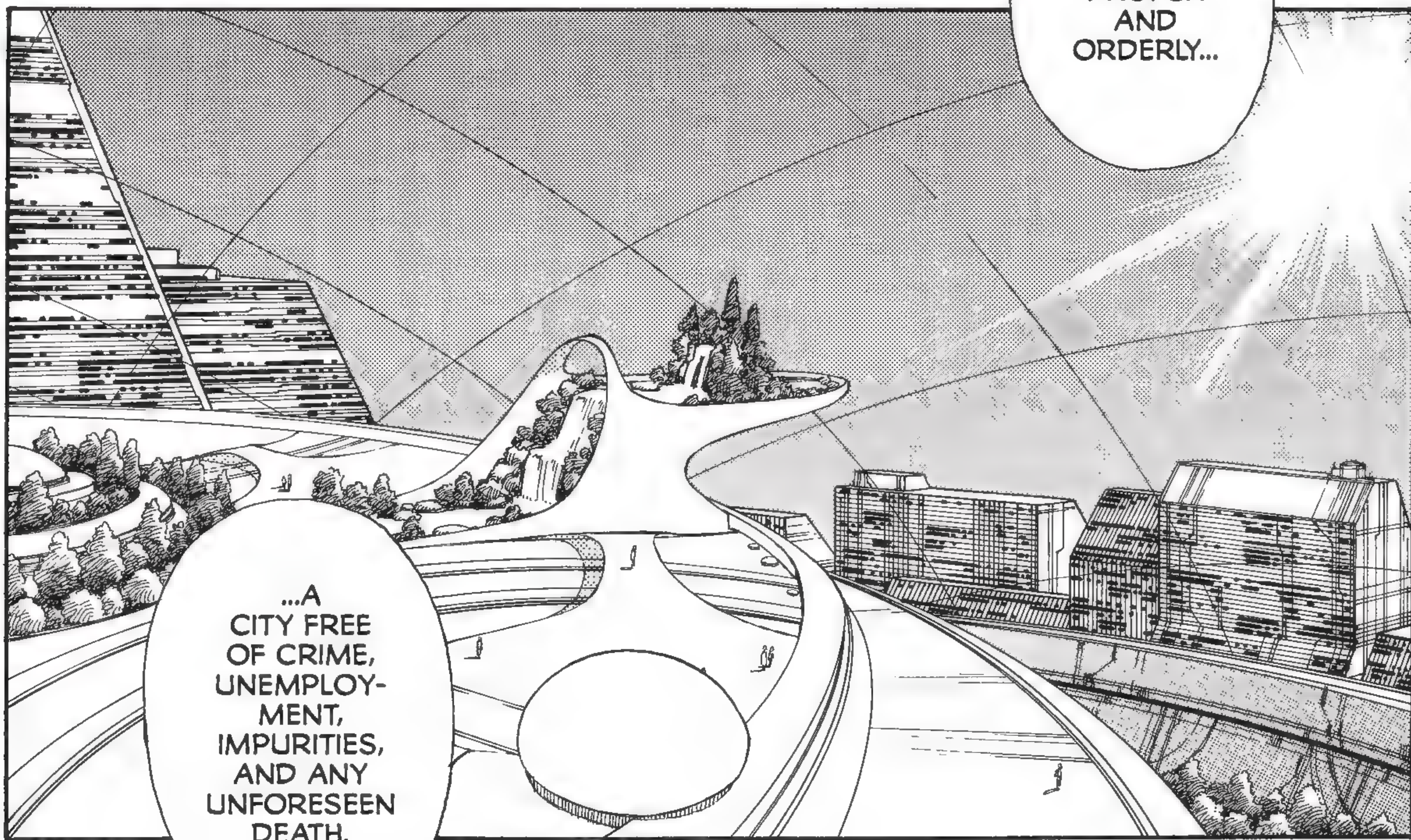


ANOTHER FIGHT Conquest of Zalem II

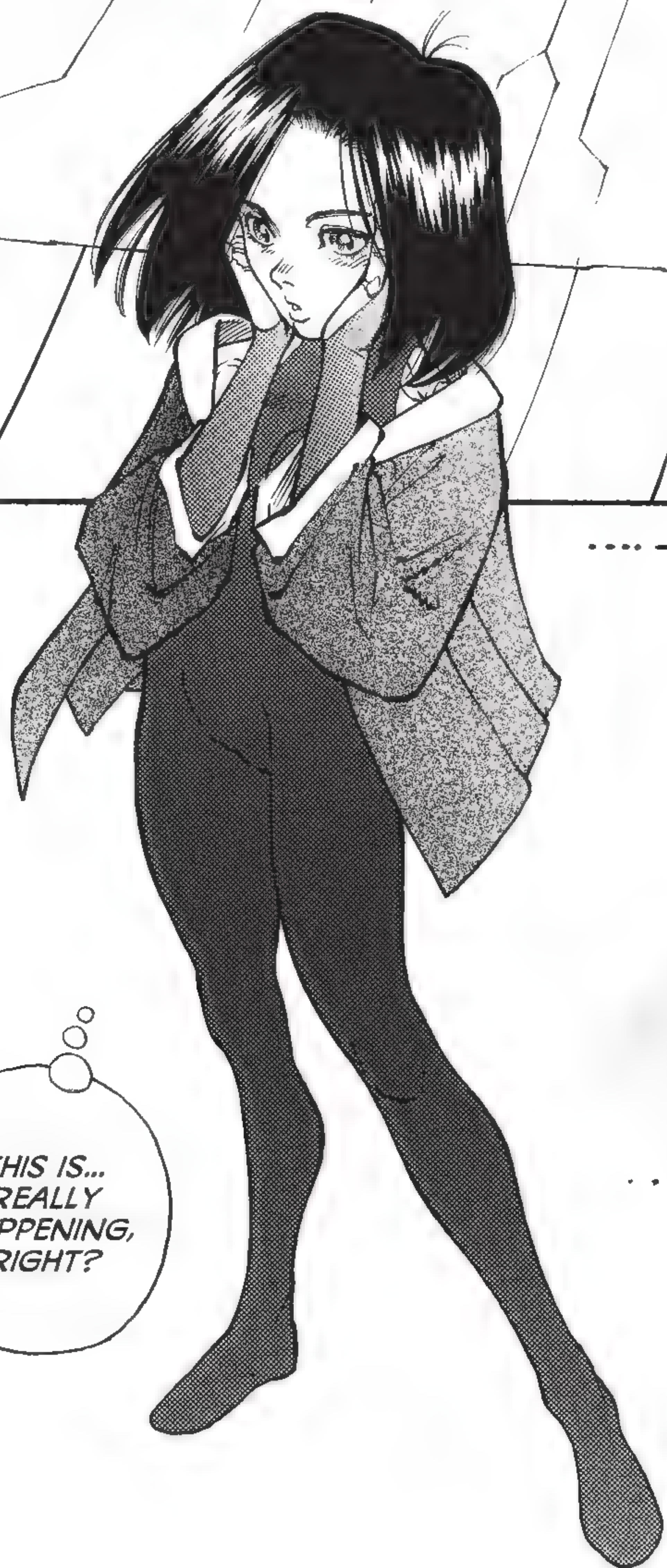
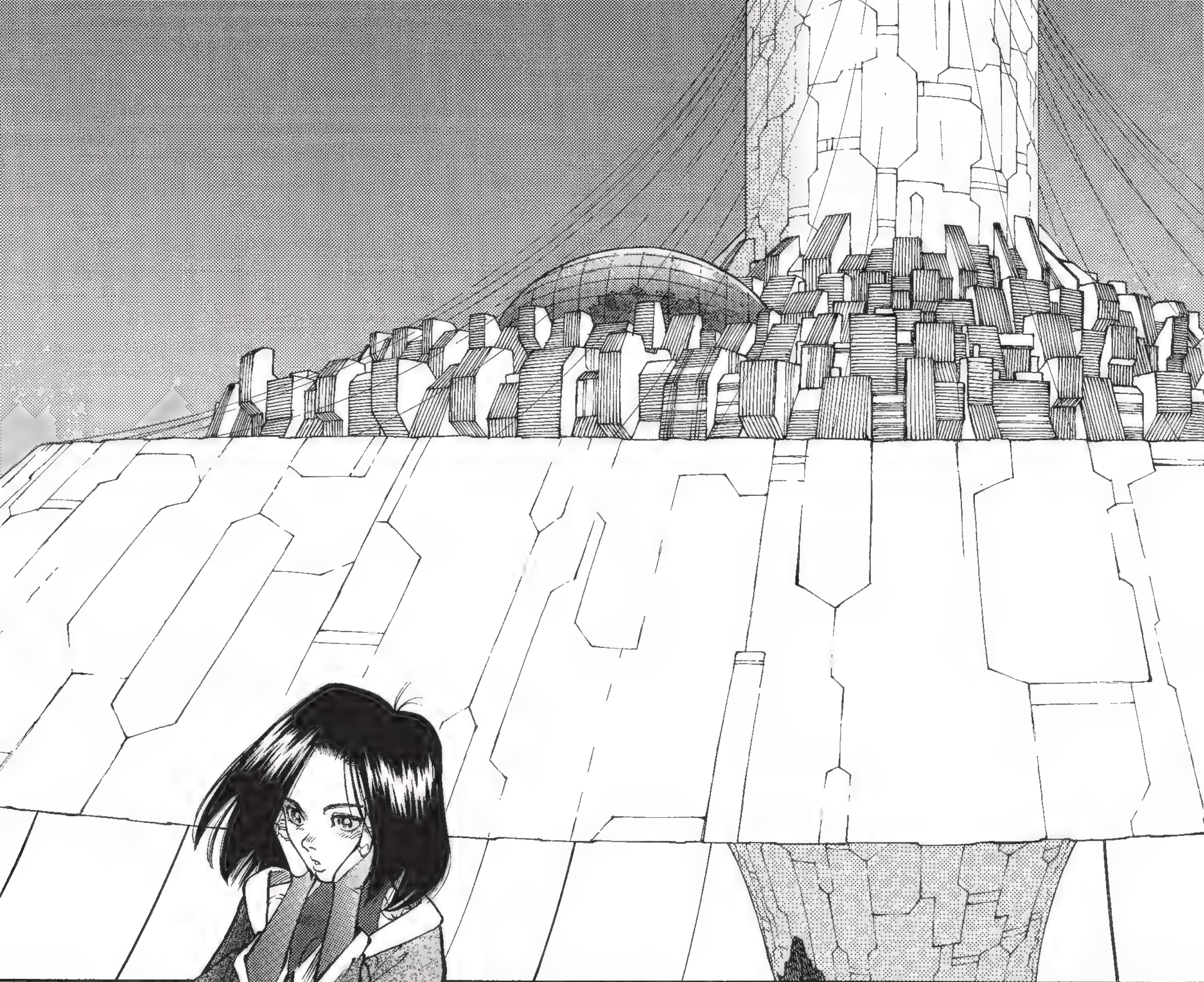




FULL
OF LIGHT,
PROPER
AND
ORDERLY...



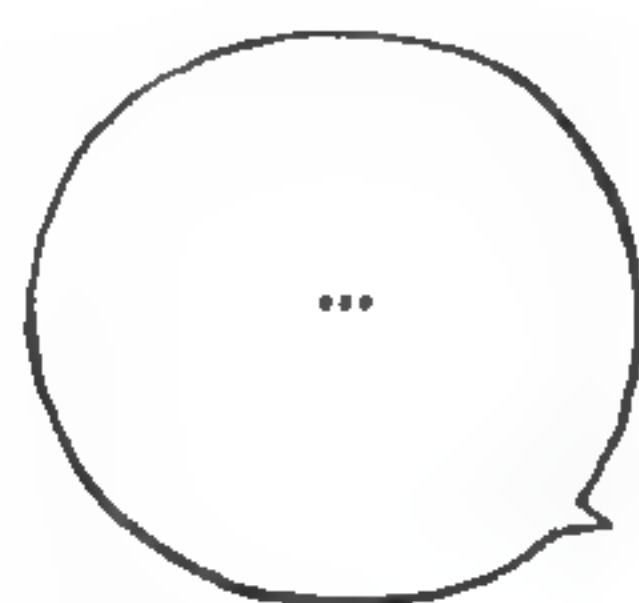
...A
CITY FREE
OF CRIME,
UNEMPLOY-
MENT,
IMPURITIES,
AND ANY
UNFORESEEN
DEATH.



THIS IS...
REALLY
HAPPENING,
RIGHT?



WELCOME
TO ZALEM,
ALITA!!



FORTUNATELY
FOR YOU, MY BRAIN-
RECONSTRUCTION
ABILITY HAS
ADVANCED SINCE
THE DAYS OF
JASUGUN AND
ZAPAN, HEH
HEH!!

GWUH?

HEH HEH HEH!
AND I MANAGED
TO SMUGGLE
YOUR BRAIN
STRUCTURE
INTO ZALEM BY
CLAIMING IT WAS
A SPECIMEN.

YOU
DIED IN
AN
EXPLO-
SION!!

IT SHOULD
BE THE MOST
POWERFUL
OF ANY BODY
YOU'VE HAD.

HERE'S THE
NEWEST NOVA
INDUSTRIES
NANOSUIT, THE
"IMAGINOS"!!
IT'S BASED ON
THE BERSERKER
BODY, BUT WITH
AUGMENTED
IMPROVEMENTS,
AND DRAWBACKS
REMOVED!!

AND
I'LL
GIVE
IT TO
YOU...

...ON THE
CONDITION
THAT YOU
DON'T
ATTACK
ME WITH
IT!

AND IT WILL
BE YOURS TO
USE FROM
NOW ON!!

I DON'T FEEL
ANY LINGERING
FRUSTRATION
THAT I DIDN'T
BEAT NOVA IN
THE END.

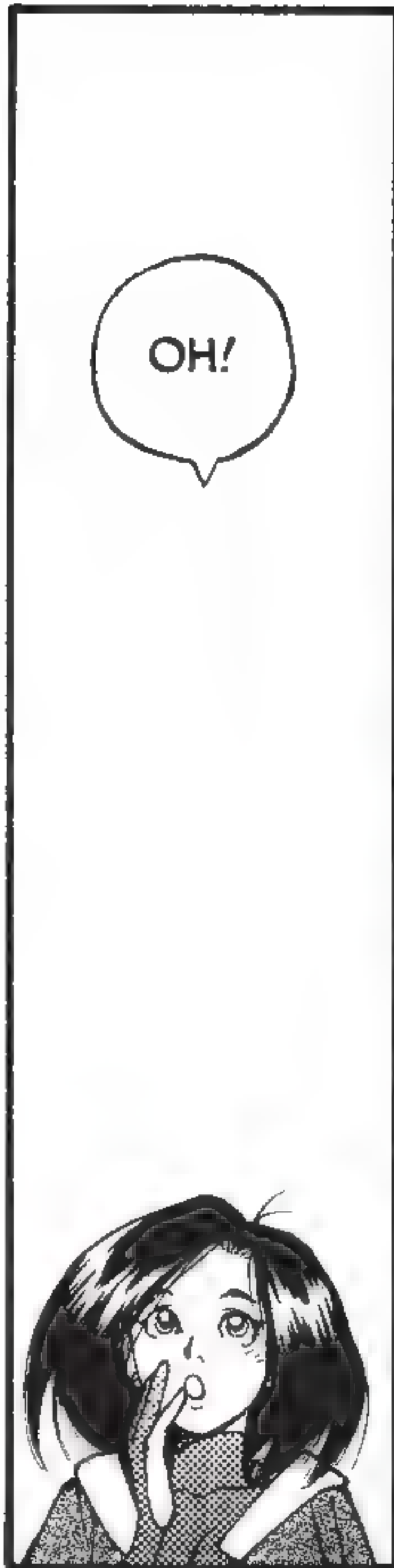




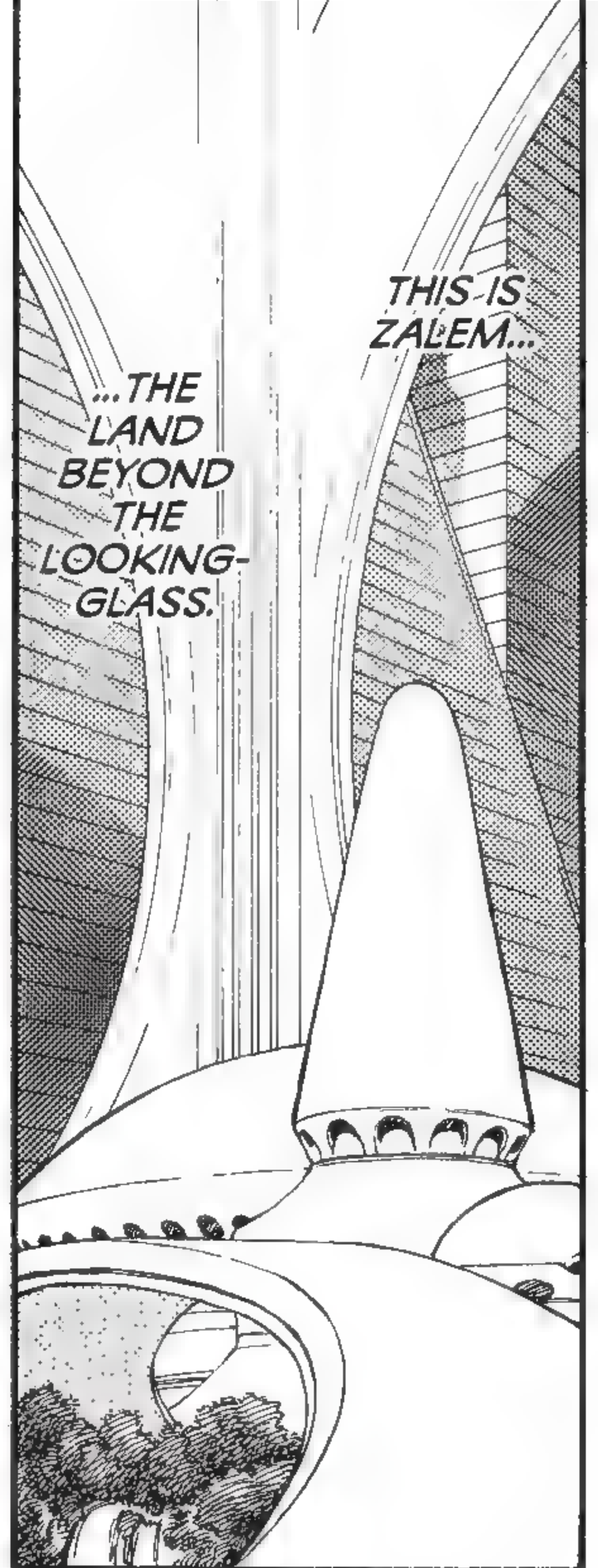
HM?
OH,
HER!

WHAT
HAPPENED
TO LOU?!

I HEARD
SHE GOT
FIRED FROM
THE G.I.B....

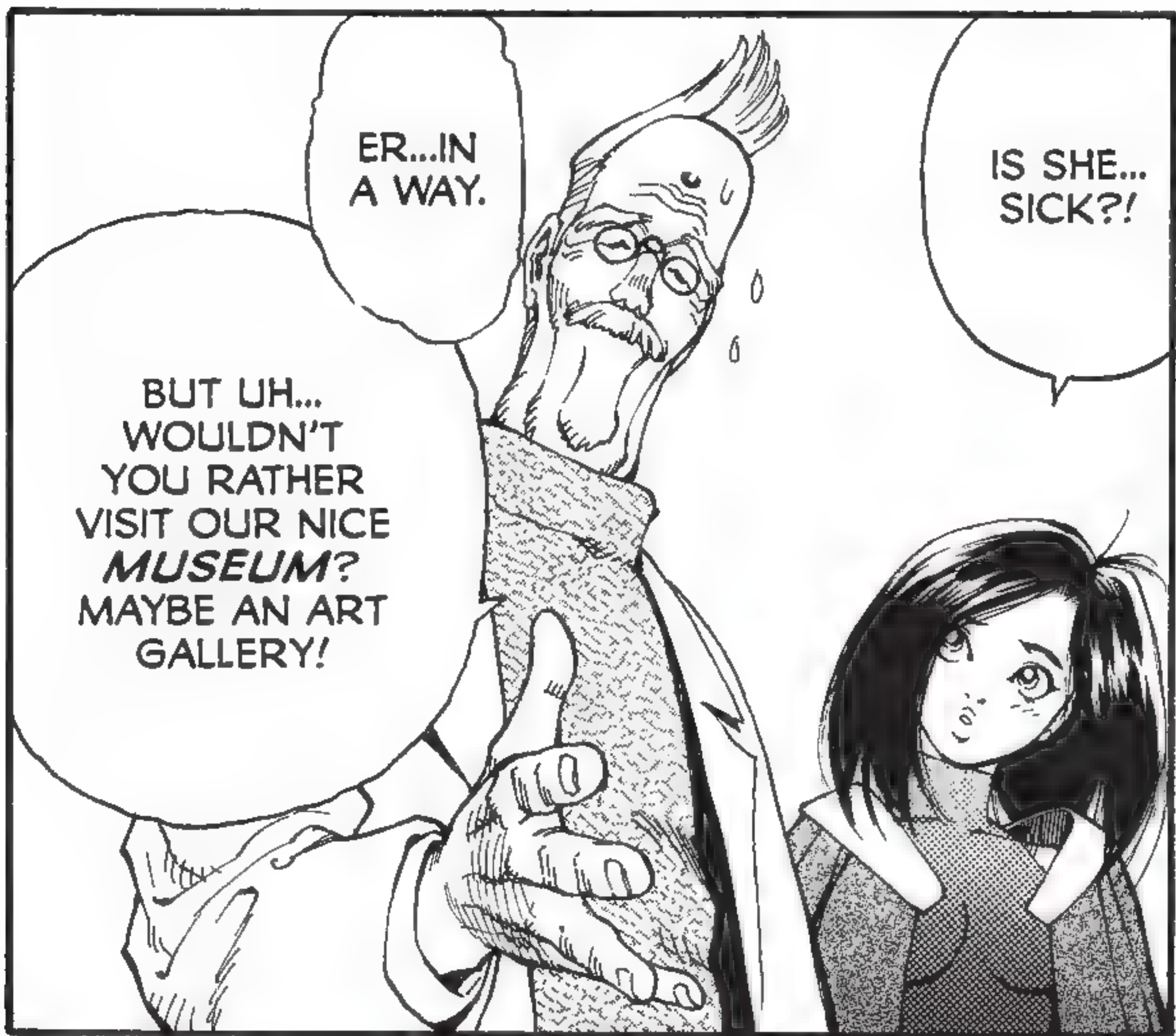


OH!



THIS IS
ZALEM...

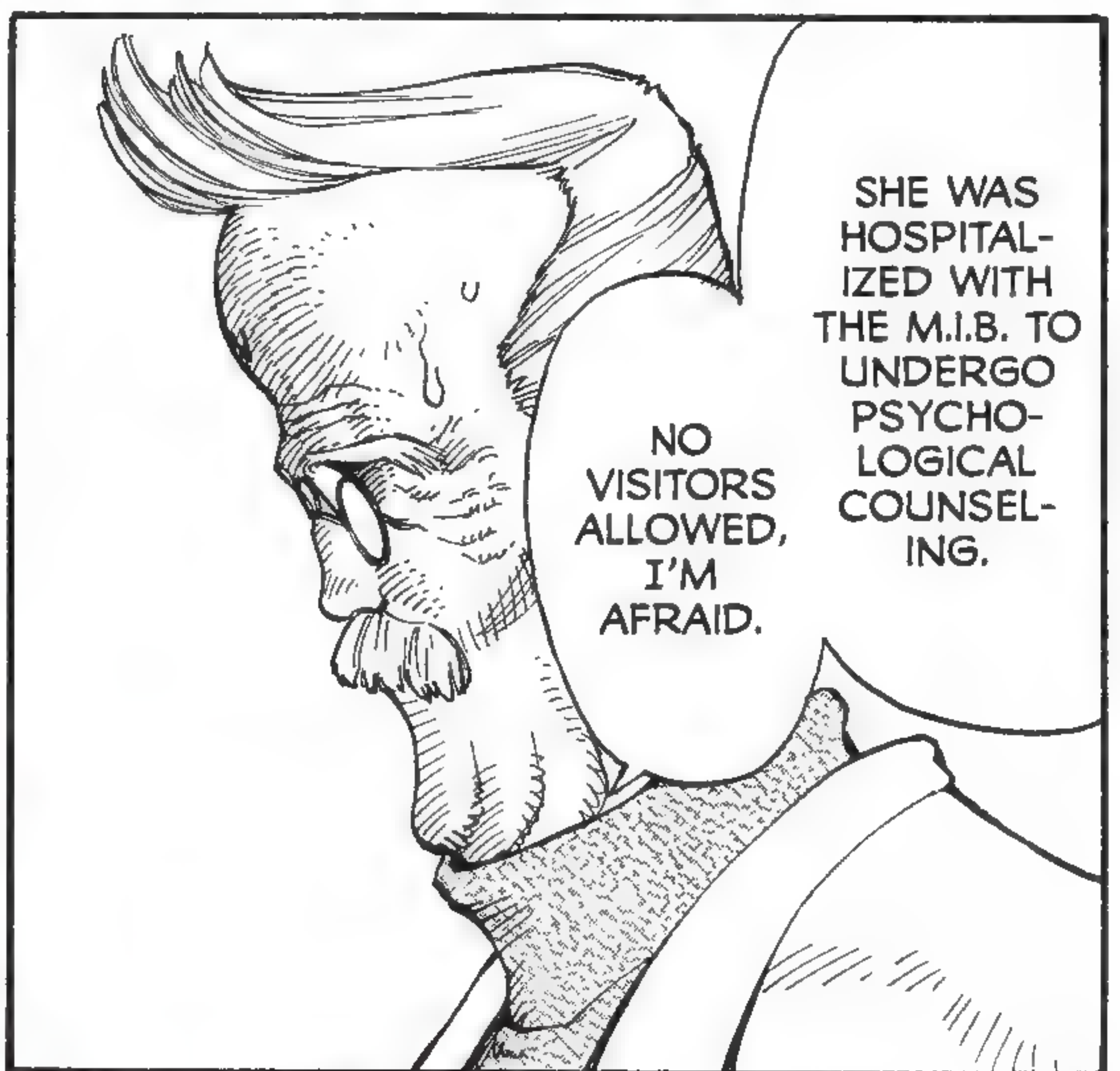
...THE
LAND
BEYOND
THE
LOOKING-
GLASS.



ER...IN
A WAY.

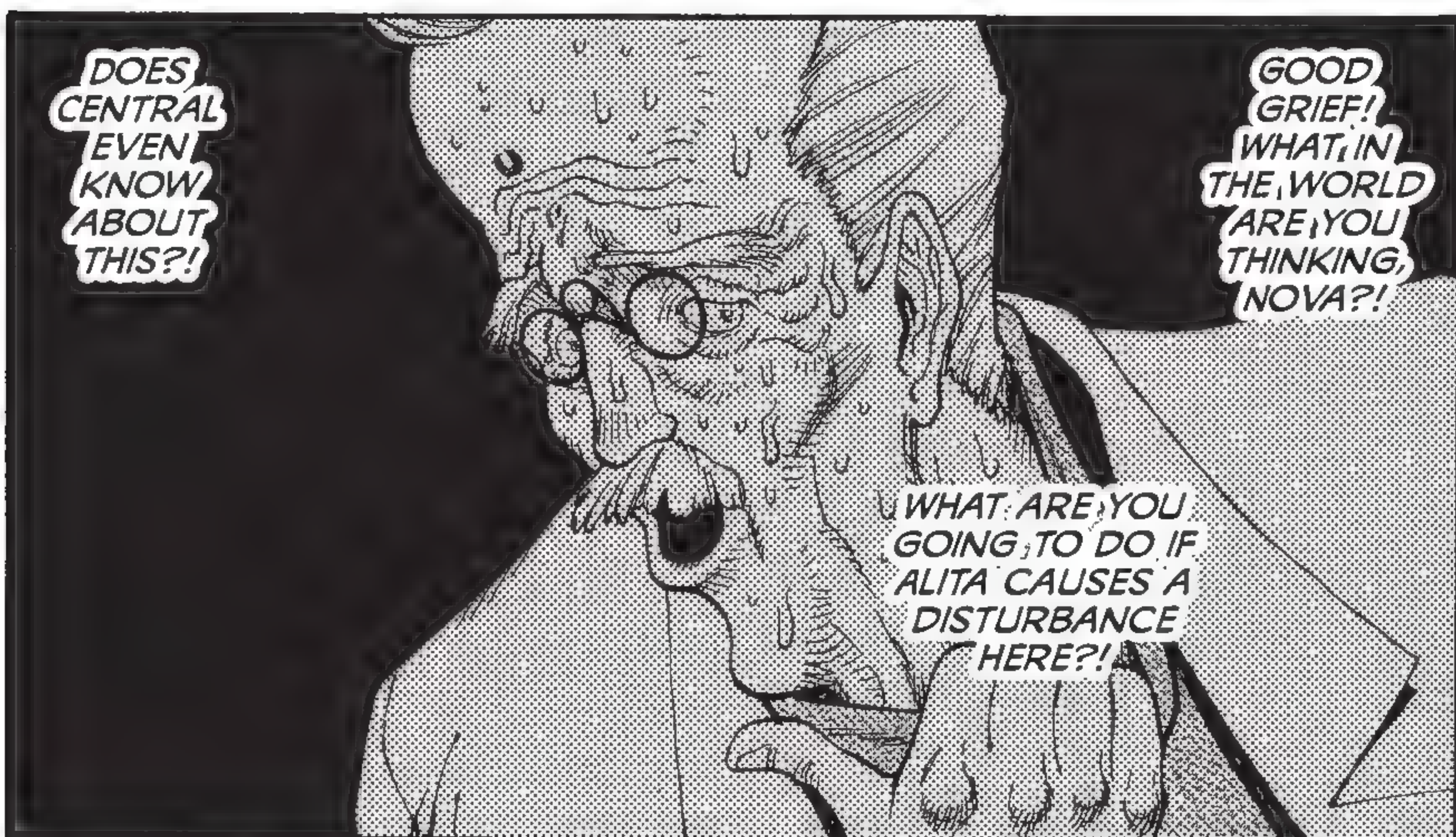
IS SHE...
SICK?!

BUT UH...
WOULDN'T
YOU RATHER
VISIT OUR NICE
MUSEUM?
MAYBE AN ART
GALLERY!



SHE WAS
HOSPITAL-
IZED WITH
THE M.I.B. TO
UNDERGO
PSYCHO-
LOGICAL
COUNSEL-
ING.

NO
VISITORS
ALLOWED,
I'M
AFRAID.



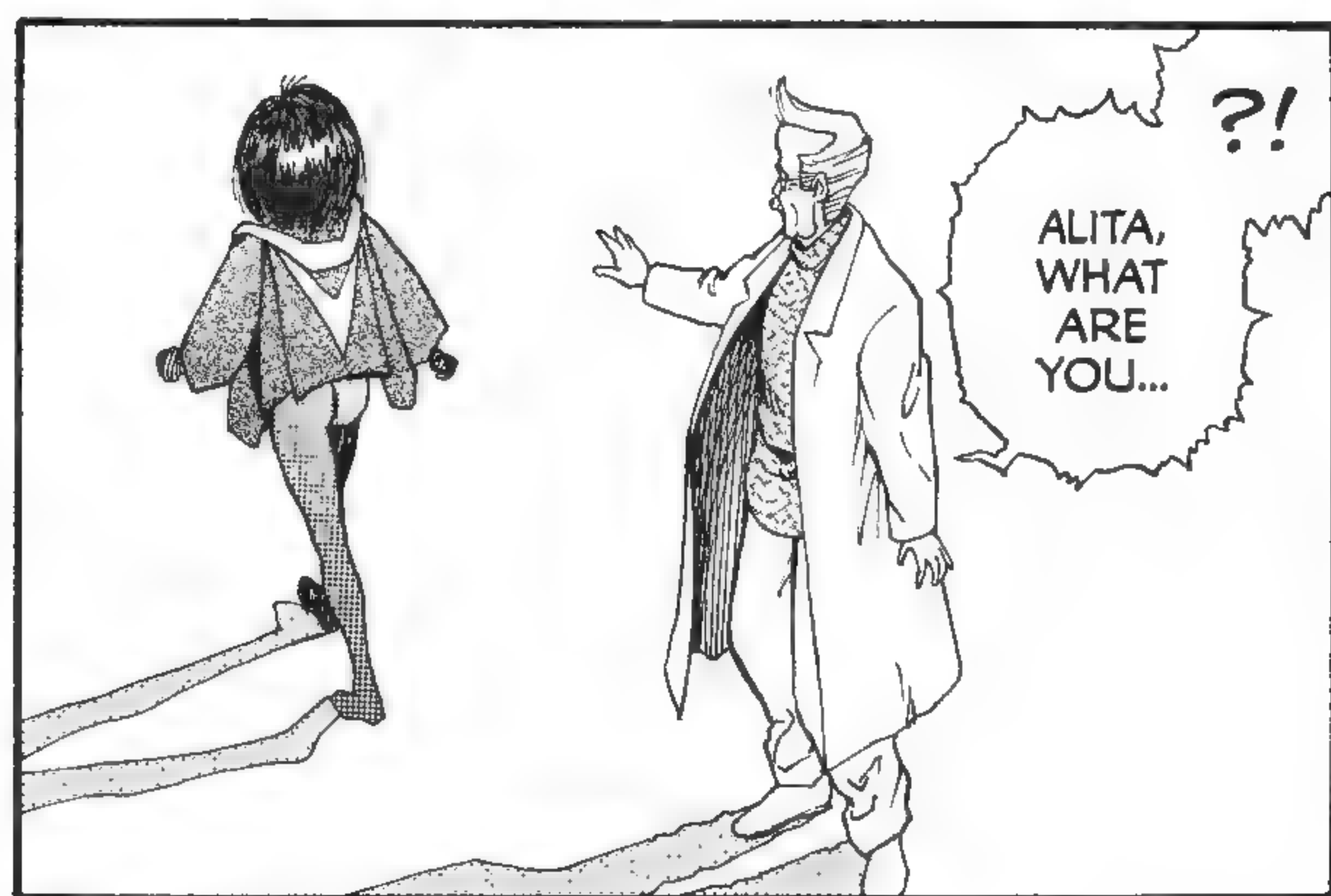
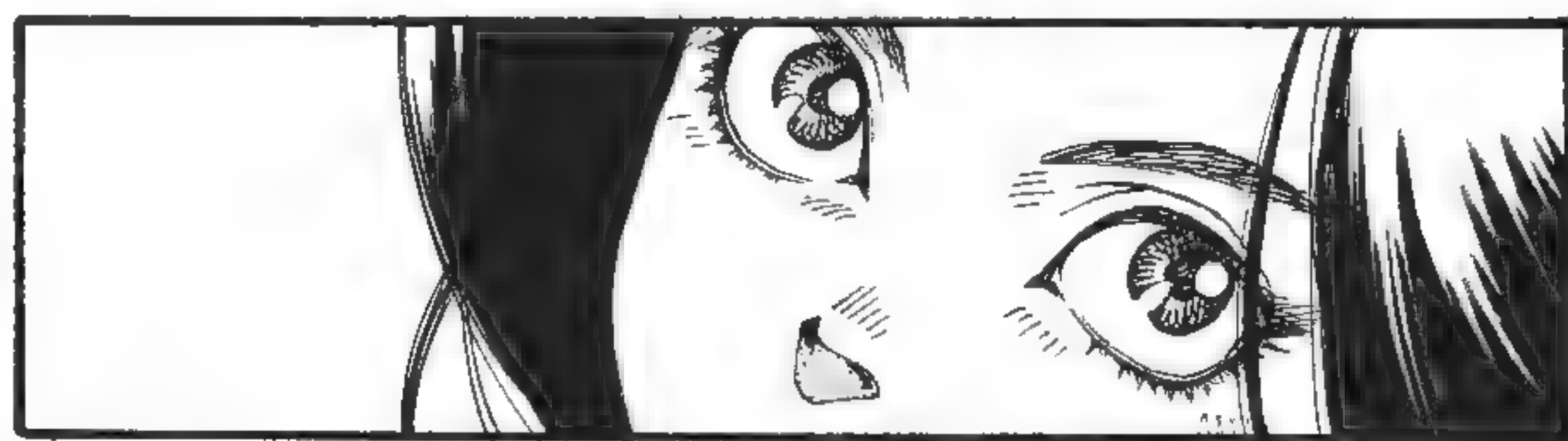
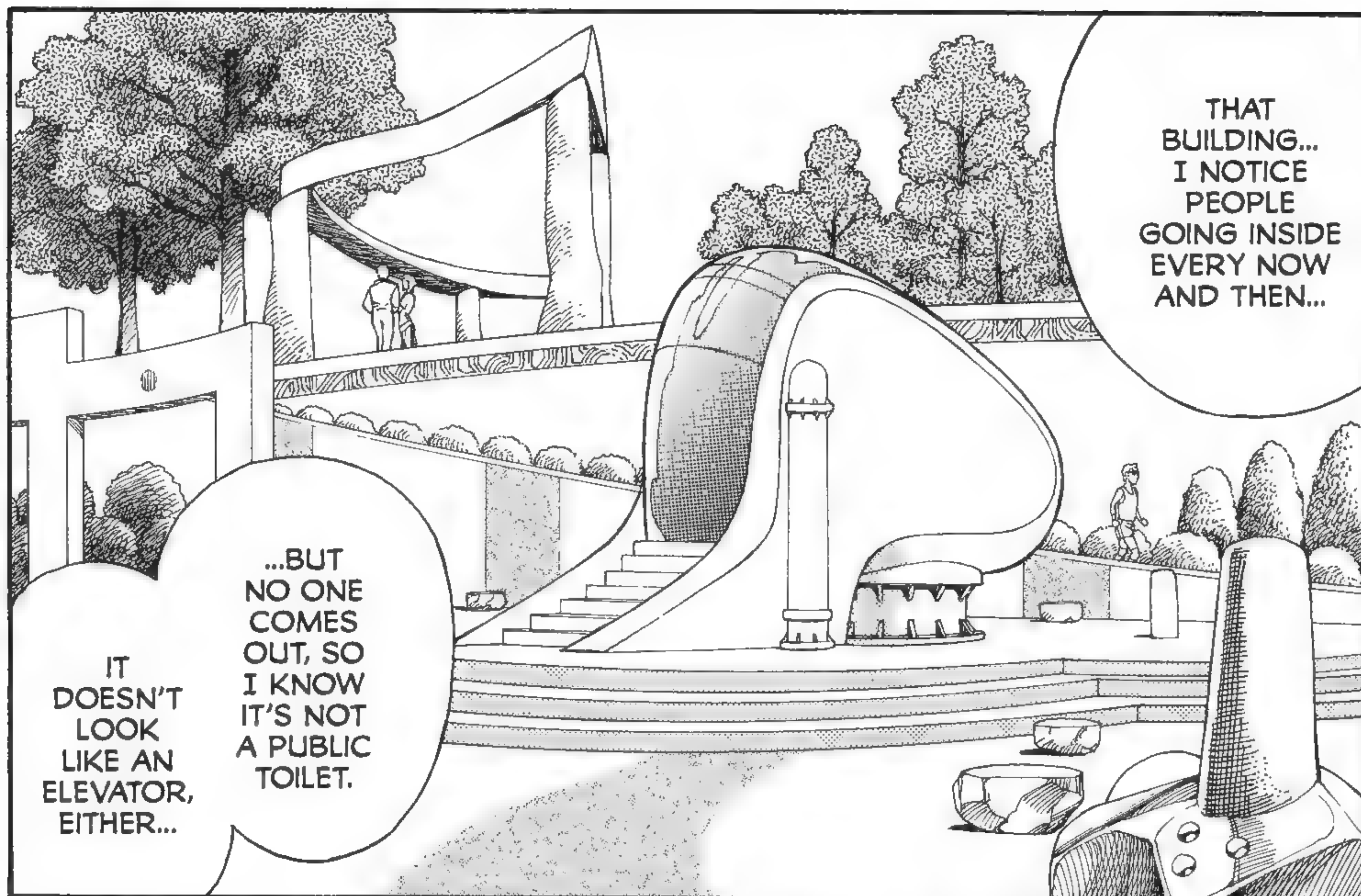
DOES
CENTRAL
EVEN
KNOW
ABOUT
THIS?!

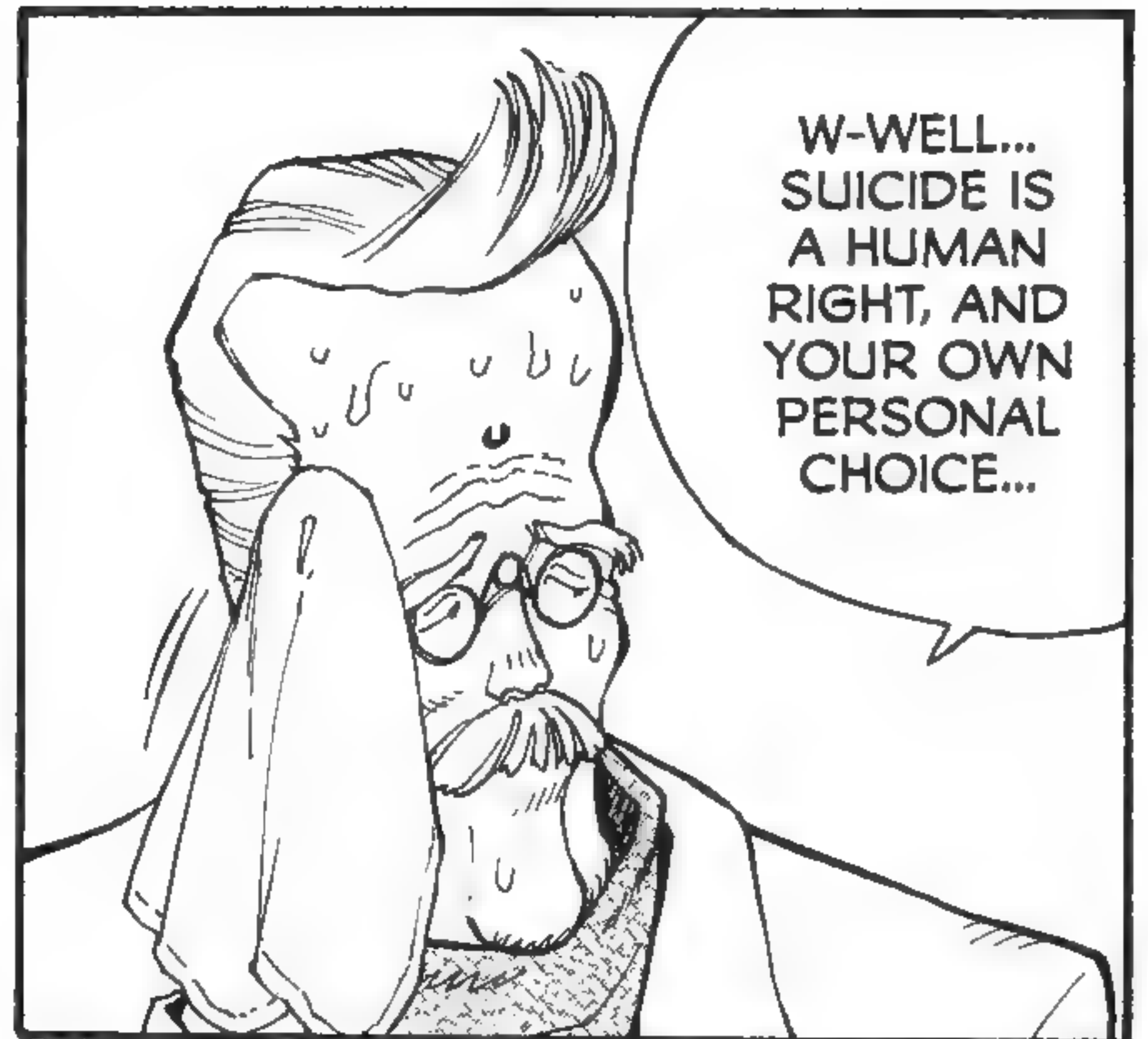
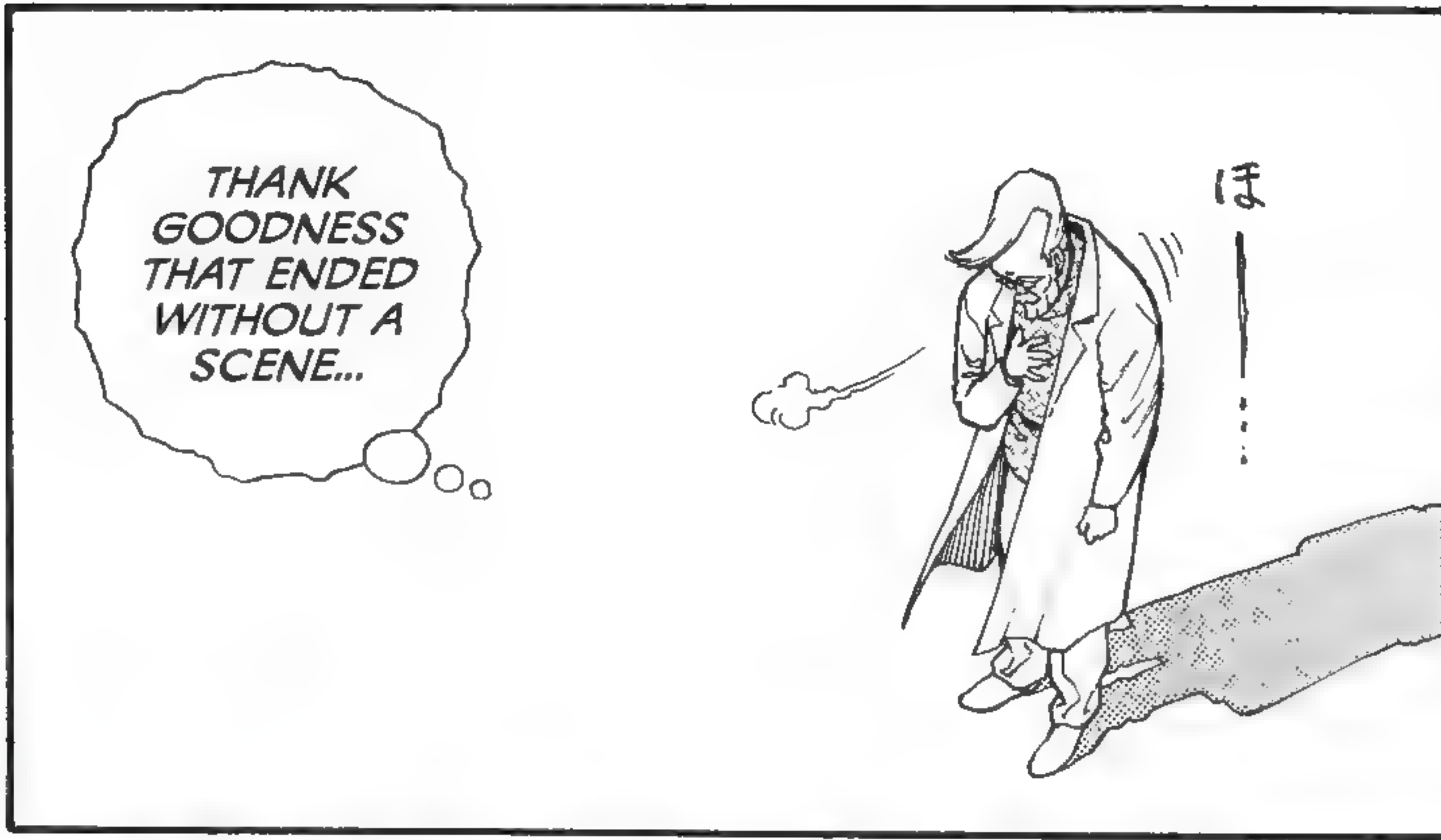
GOOD
GRIEF!
WHAT, IN
THE WORLD
ARE YOU
THINKING,
NOVA?!

WHAT ARE YOU
GOING TO DO IF
ALITA CAUSES A
DISTURBANCE
HERE?!



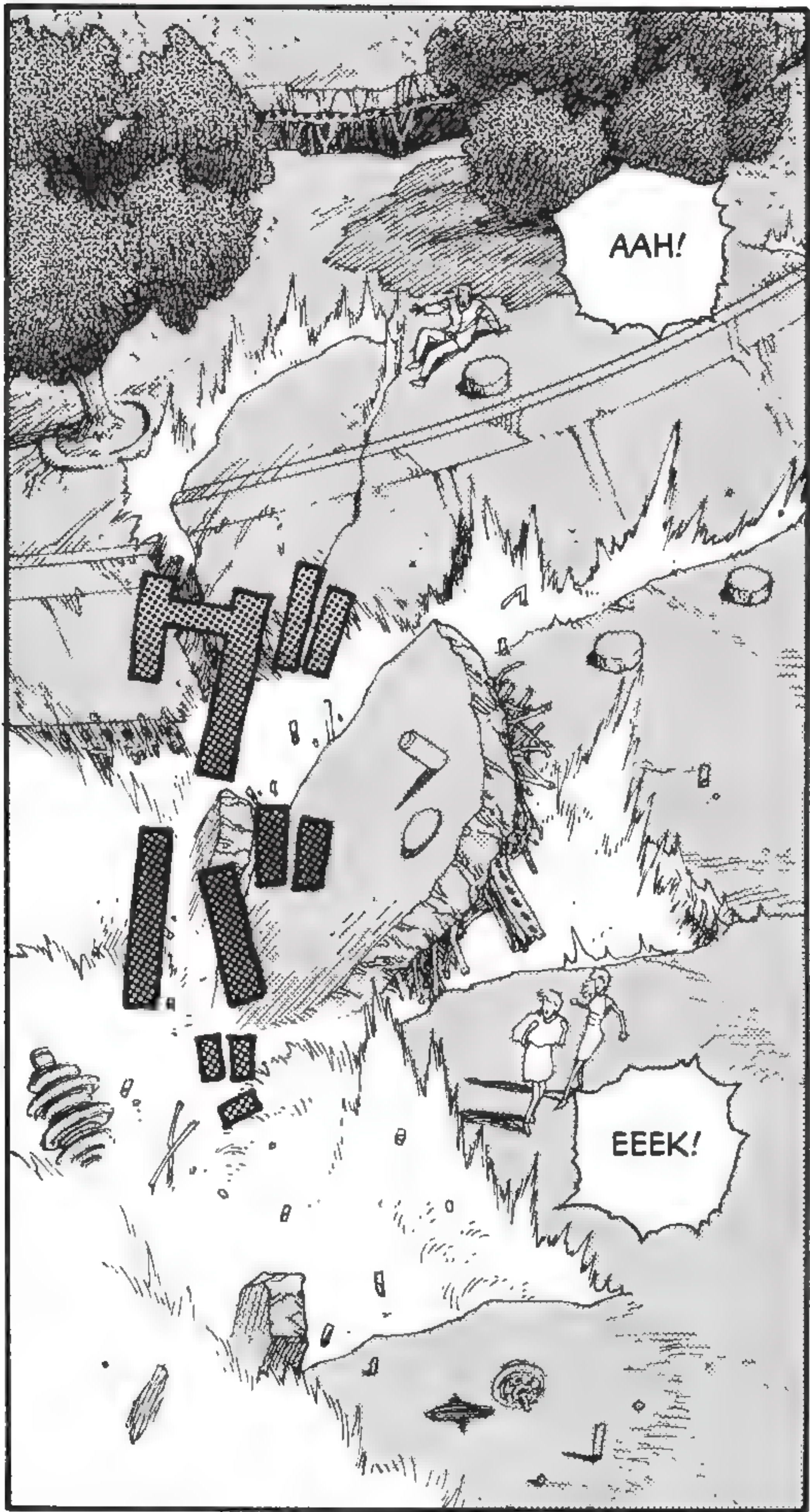
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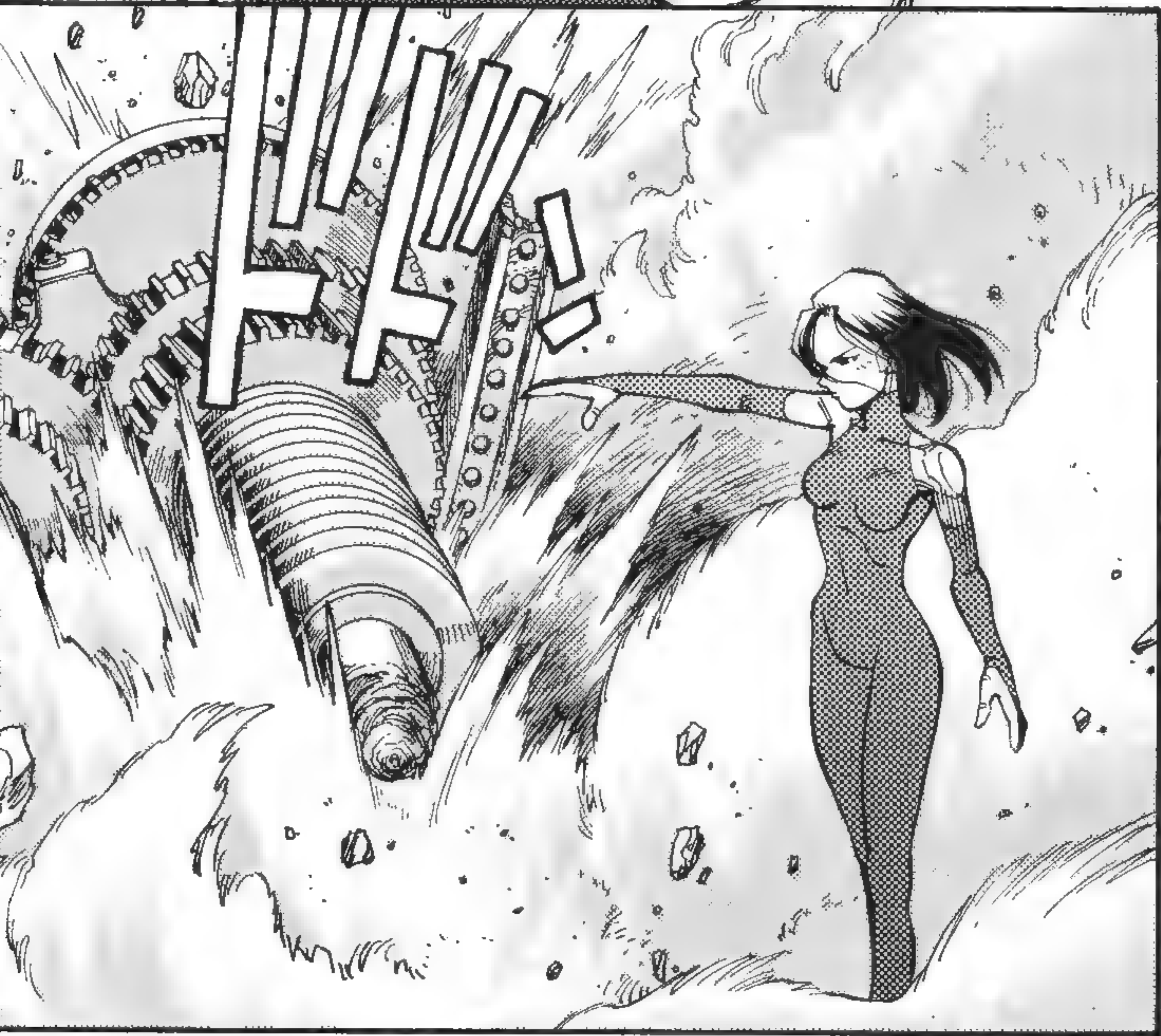


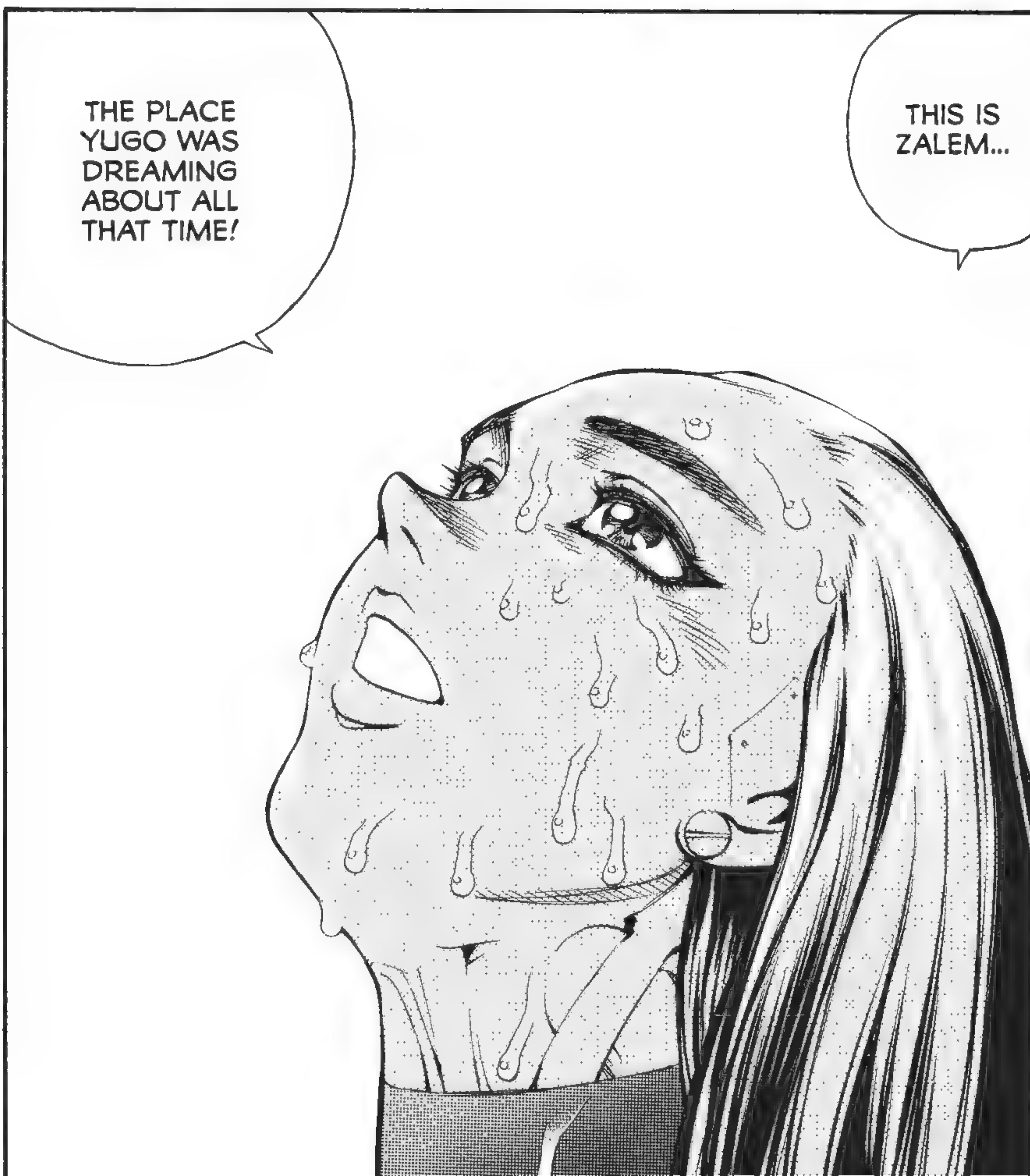
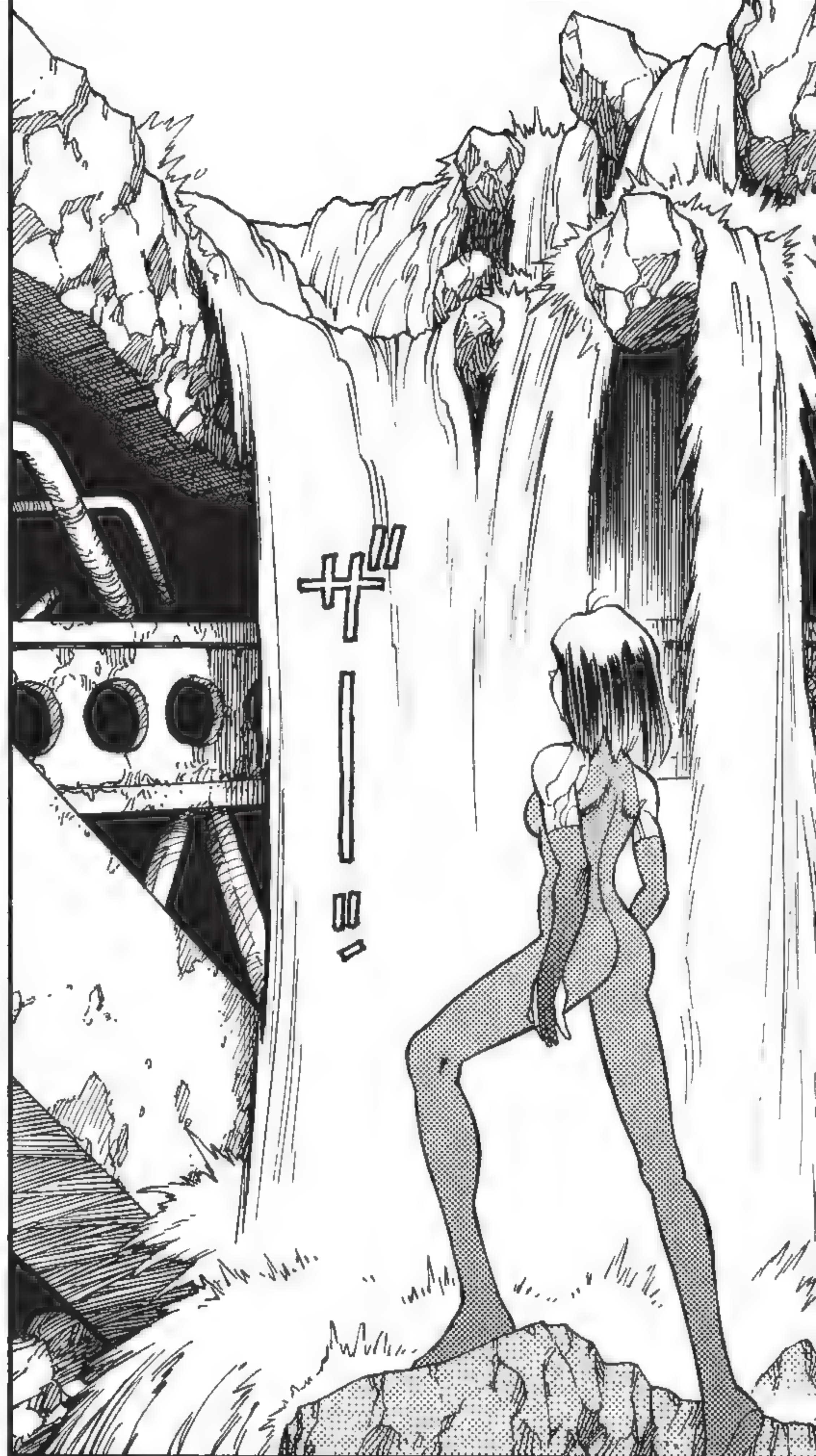
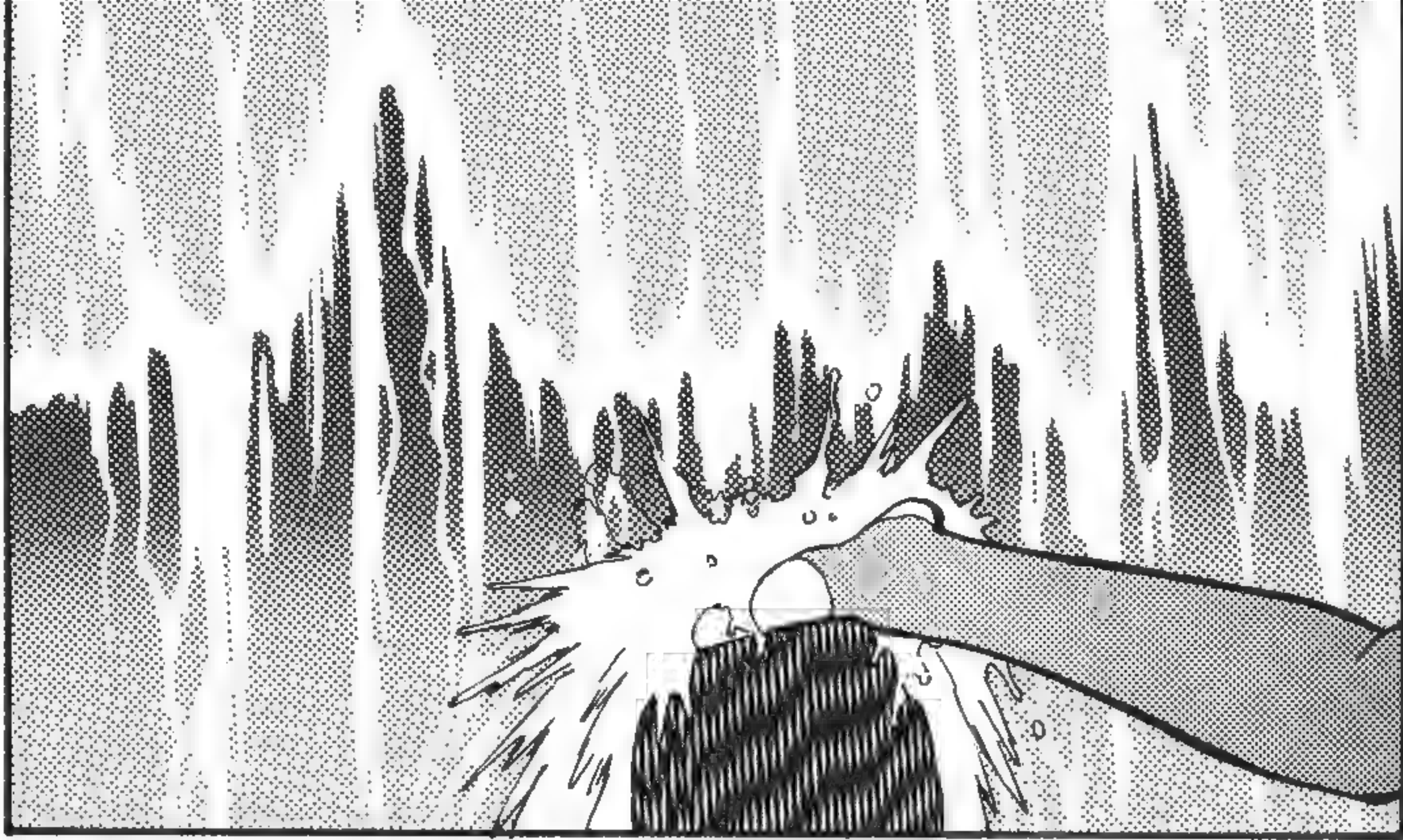


PLEASE RELAX AND ENTER THE HATCH...











WH-WHAT
GIVES YOU
THE RIGHT
TO...

USE OF THE
SUICIDE BOOTH
IS THE PRIVILEGE
OF ALL ZALEM
CITIZENS! IT IS
ONE OF OUR
MOST CULTURALLY
ENLIGHTENED
DEVICES!!



WHAT-!
WHAT...
WHAT...

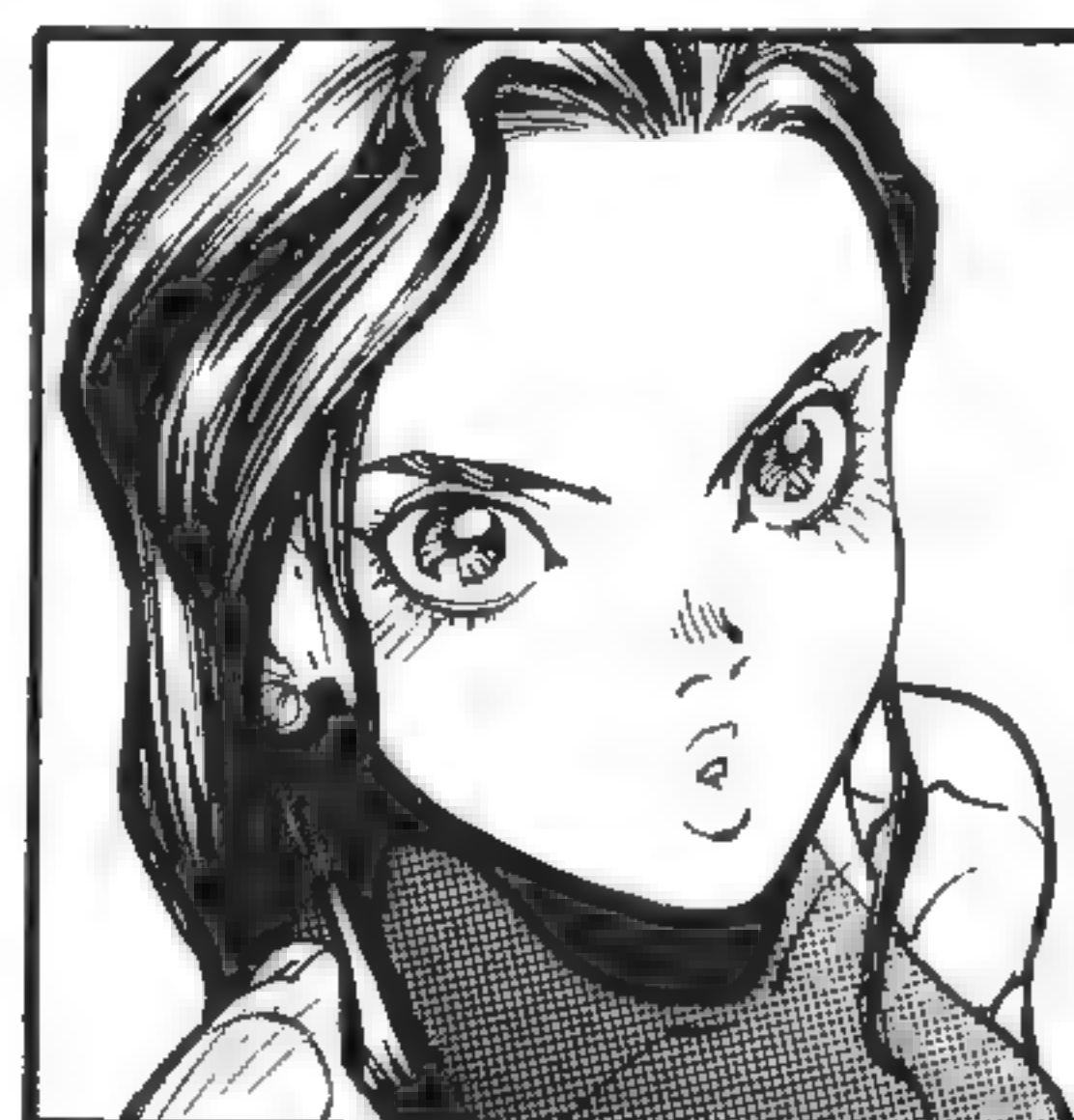
WHAT
HAVE YOU
DONE?!



NOW
WHERE...

...IS
LOU?

DR.
RUS-
SELL.



WHAT
MAKES
YOU
THINK...

AH!



N-NO!
I WON'T
LET YOU!

YOU
WILL NOT
DISRUPT
PEACE AND
ORDER ANY
FURTHER!!

The Depths of Zalem
Dust Chamber

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+
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HFF!

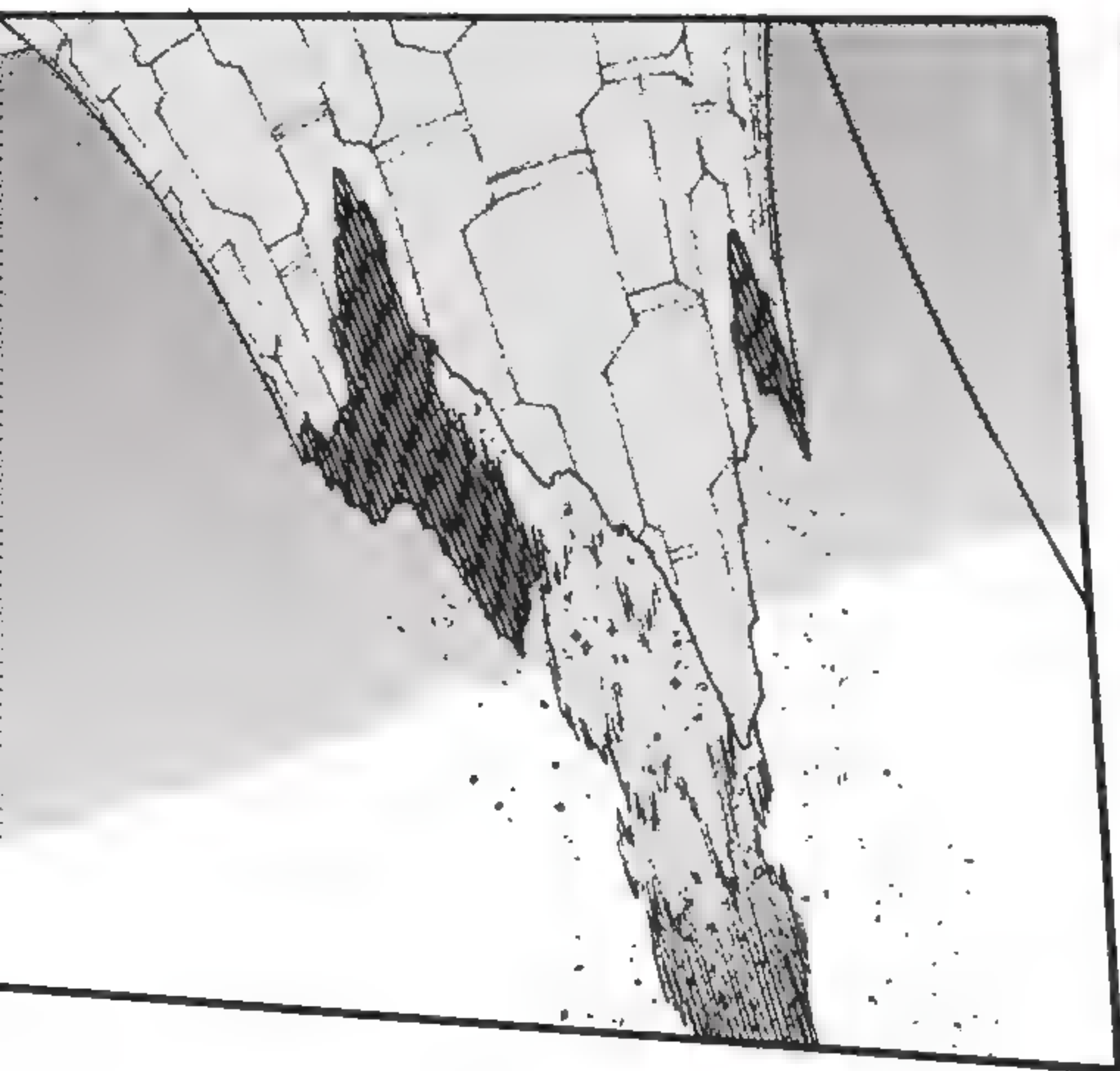
HFF!

PLEASE
...

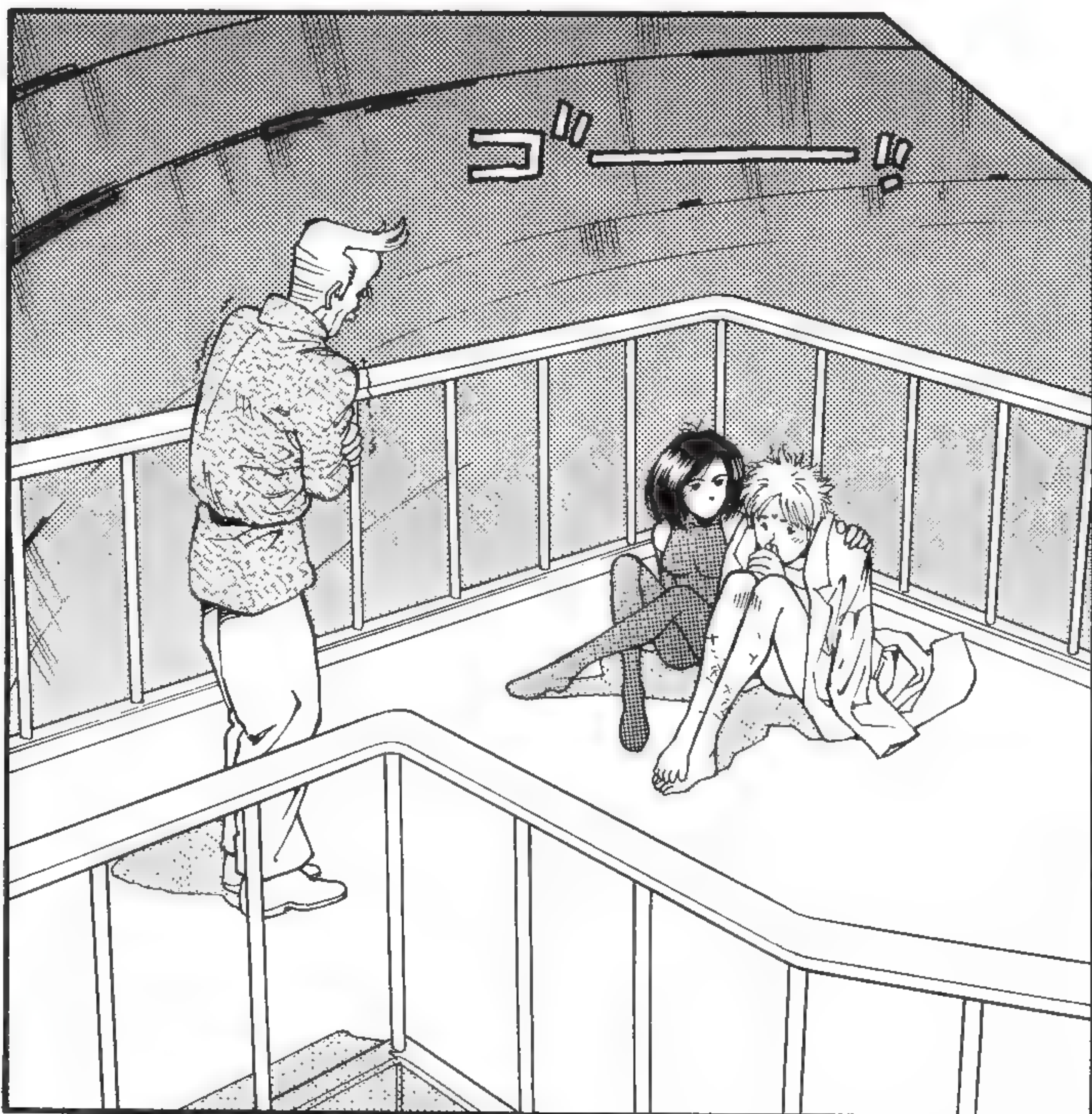
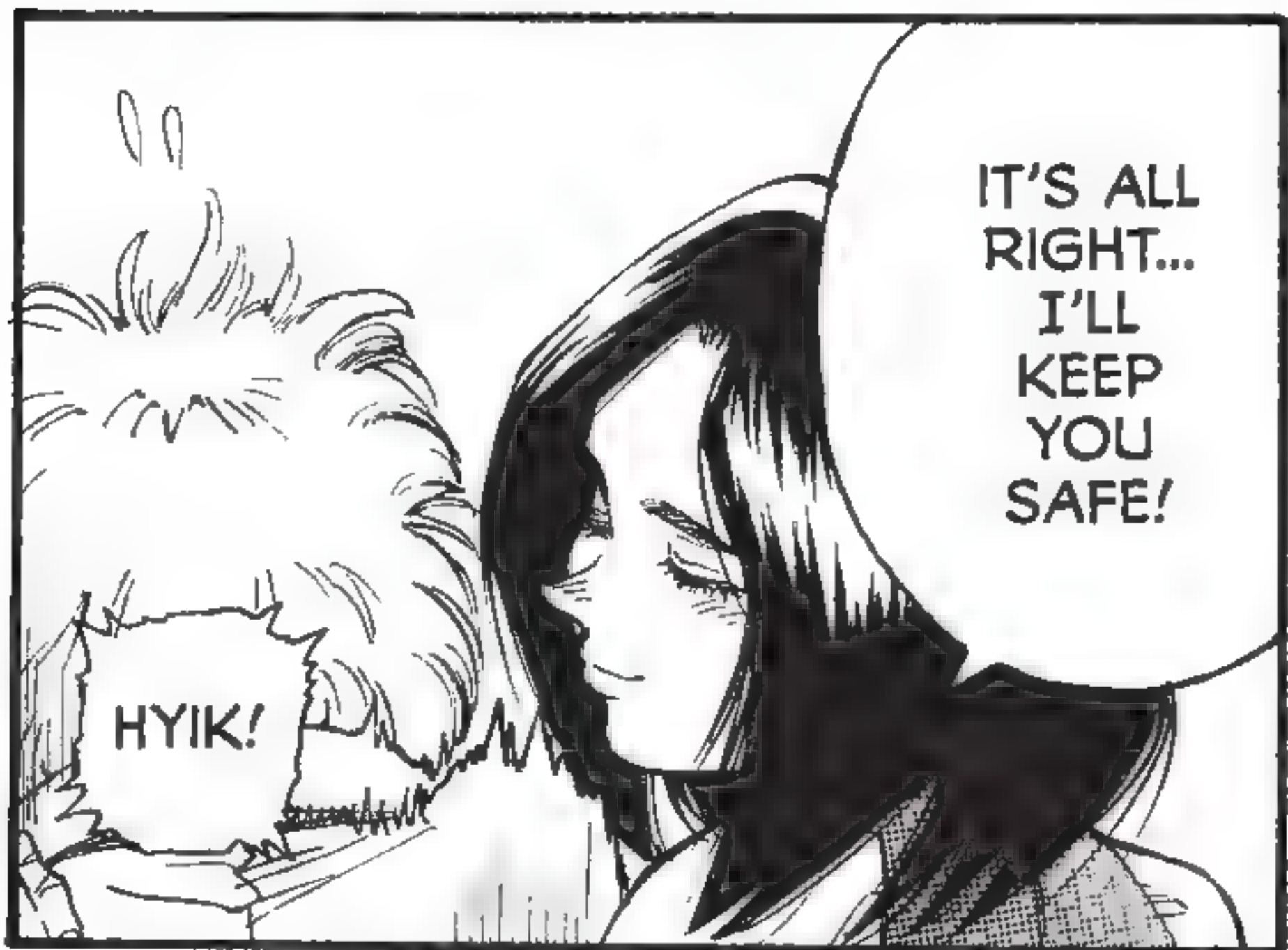
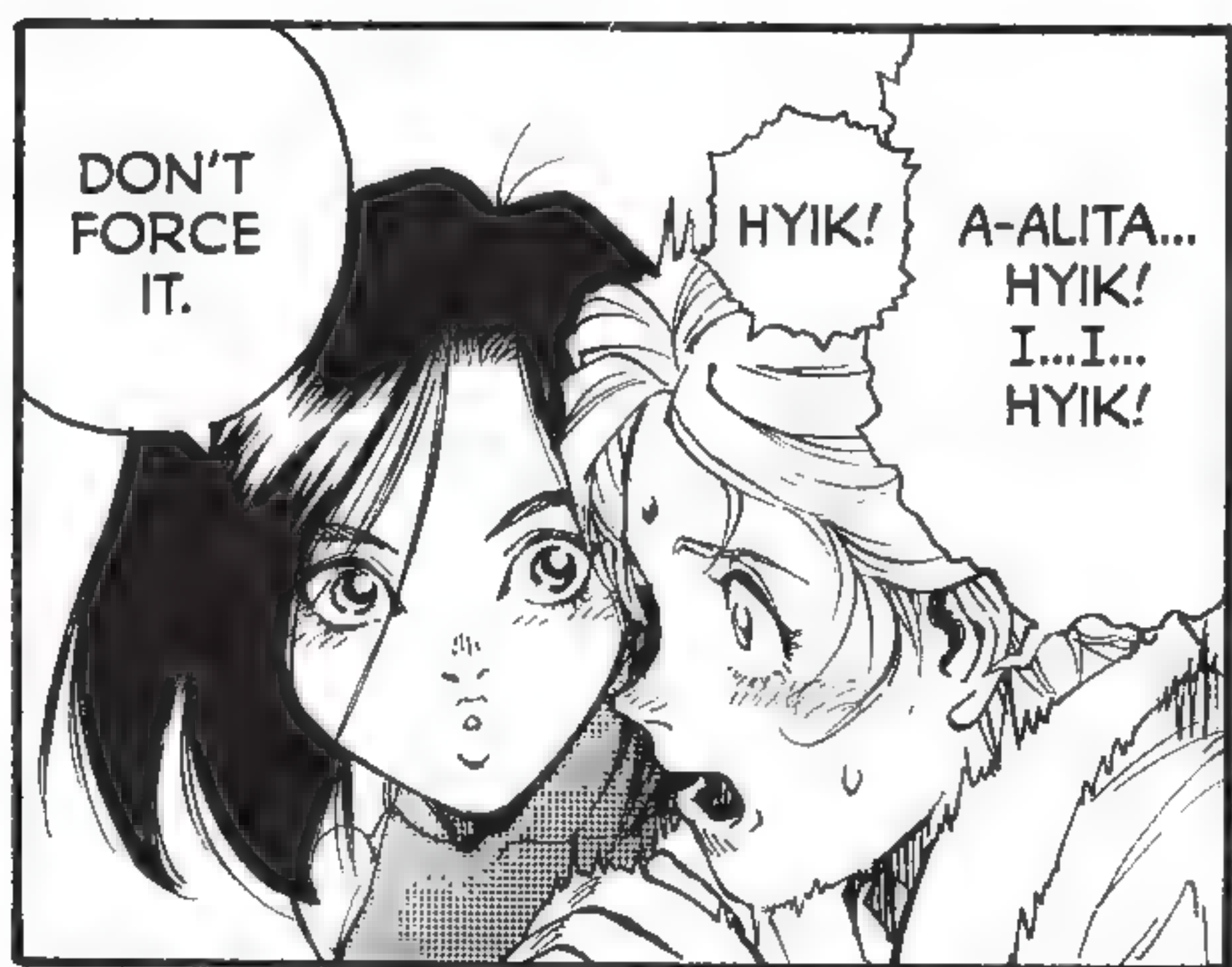
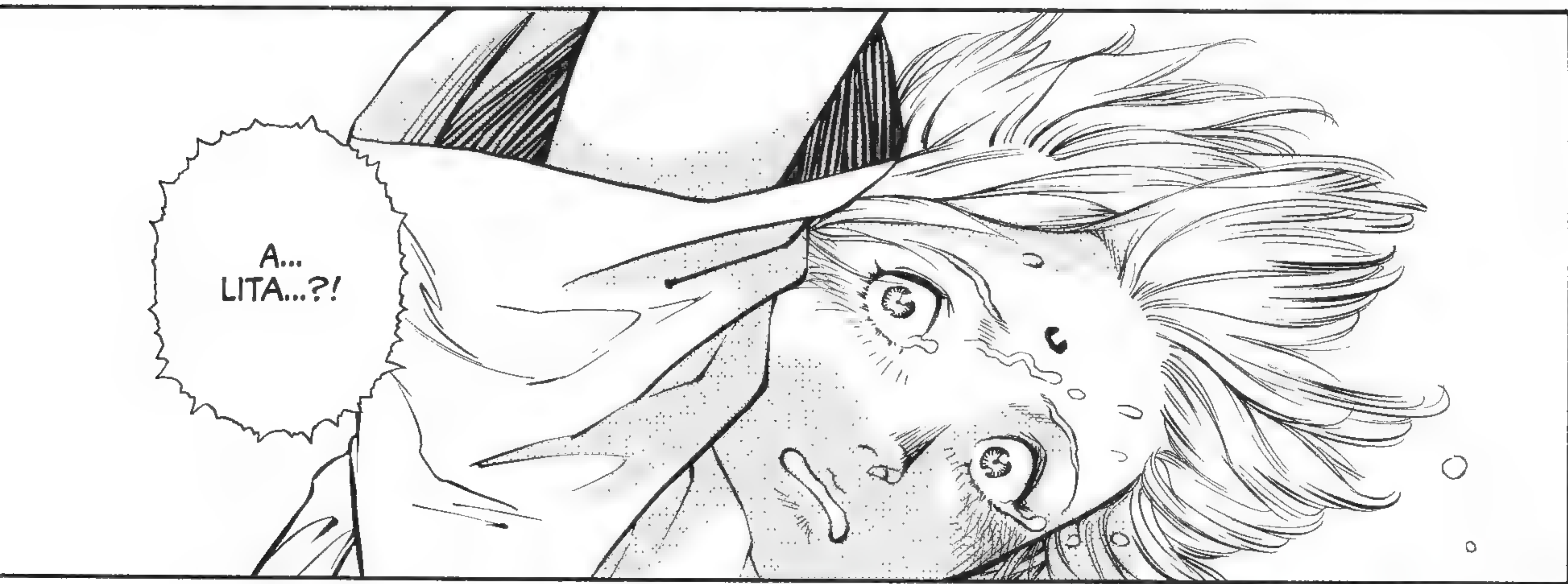
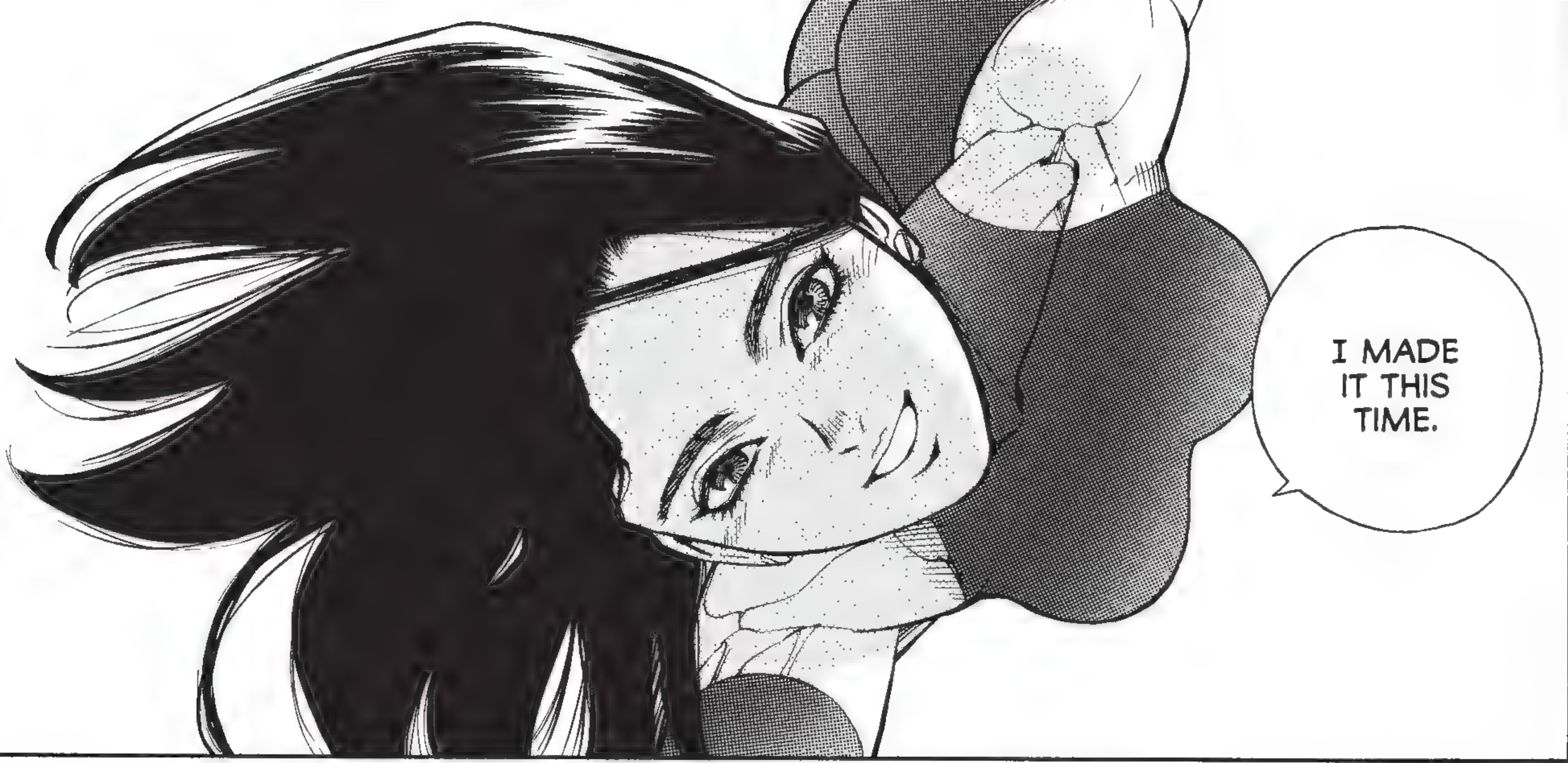
PLEASE
...

DON'T
ABAN-
DON
ME...

"SUBJECT HAS
RATIONALIZED HER
MANY ANTISOCIAL
ACTS IN THE FORM
OF 'FRIENDSHIP'
WITH A SURFACE-
DWELLER..."



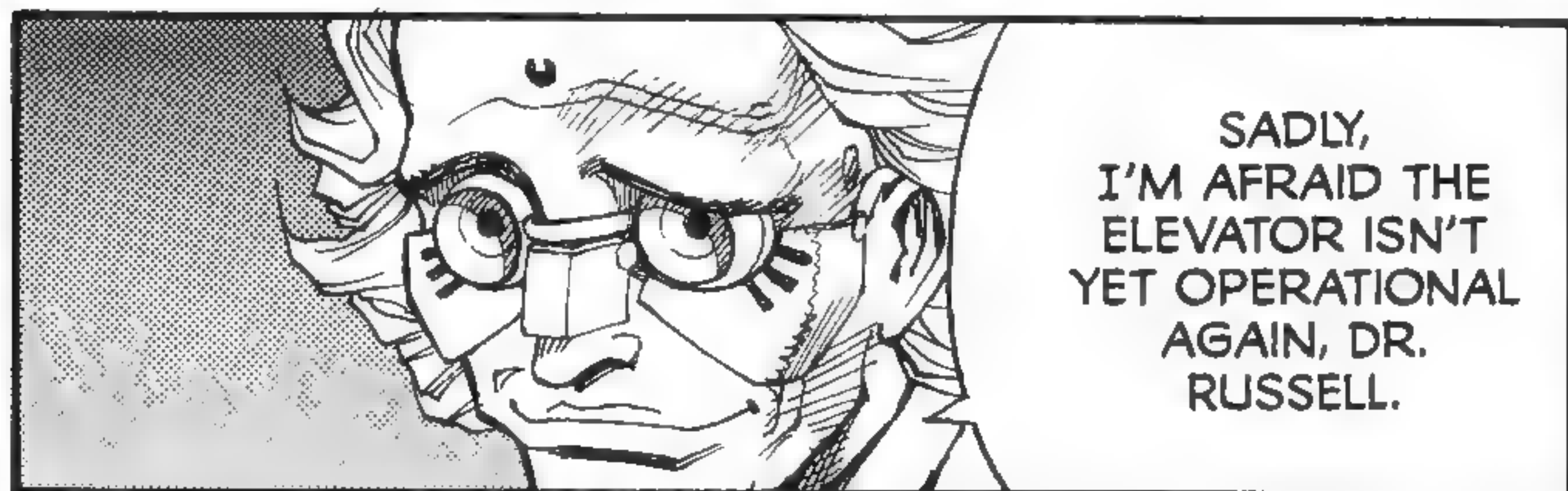






TAKE ALITA
UP TO JERU...
TAKE HER TO
LADDER,
PLEASE!!

NOVA,
I BEG OF
YOU, BEFORE
SHE CAUSES
ANY FURTHER
TROUBLE!



SADLY,
I'M AFRAID THE
ELEVATOR ISN'T
YET OPERATIONAL
AGAIN, DR.
RUSSELL.



AH,
HERE
YOU
ARE.

N-
NOVA!

HYIK!

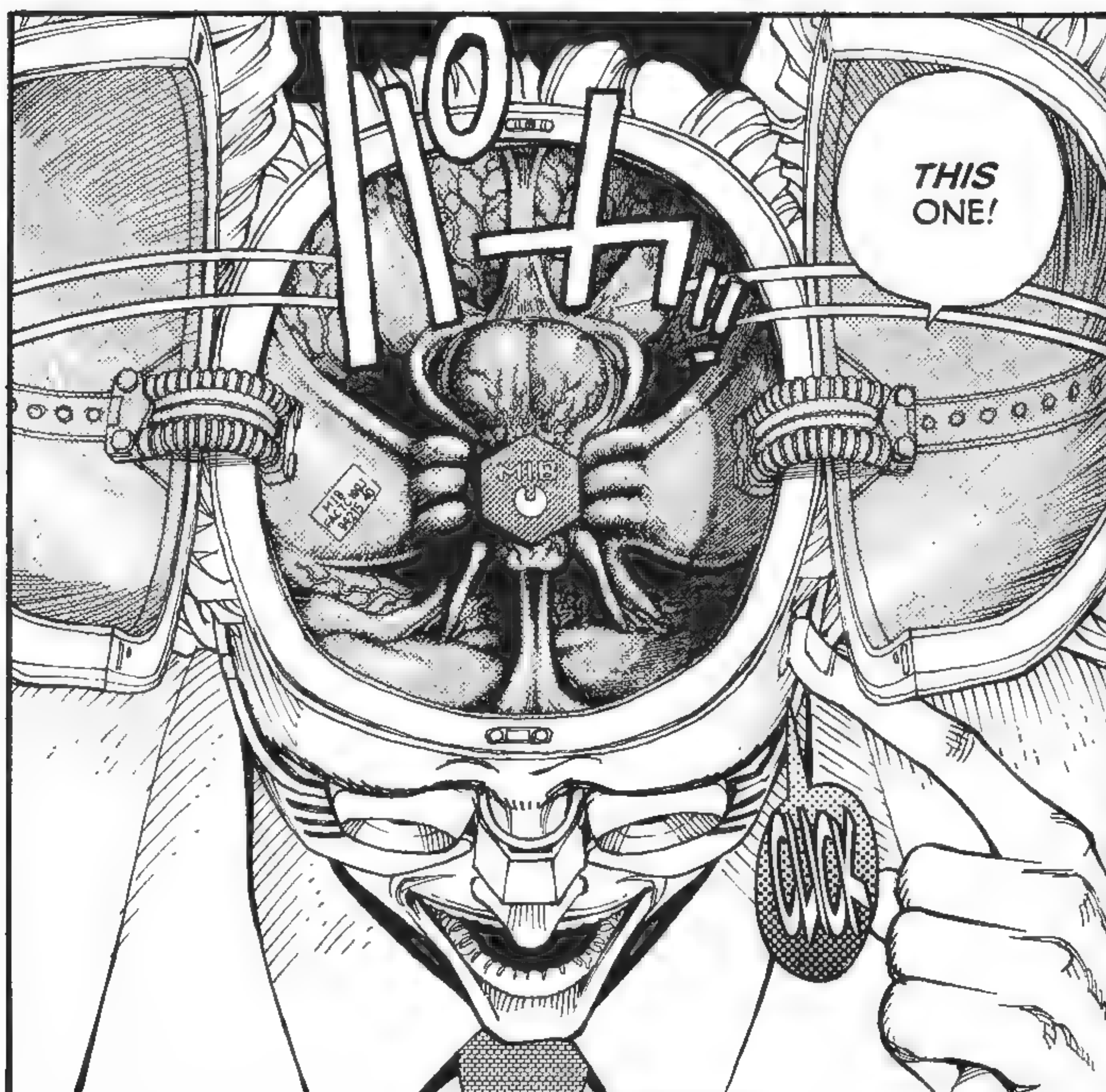


HUH?

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HYIK!

AND FROM THE
LOOKS OF IT, I
DON'T THINK ALITA
HAS REVEALED THE
SECRET OF THE
ZALEMITES TO
YOU YET.



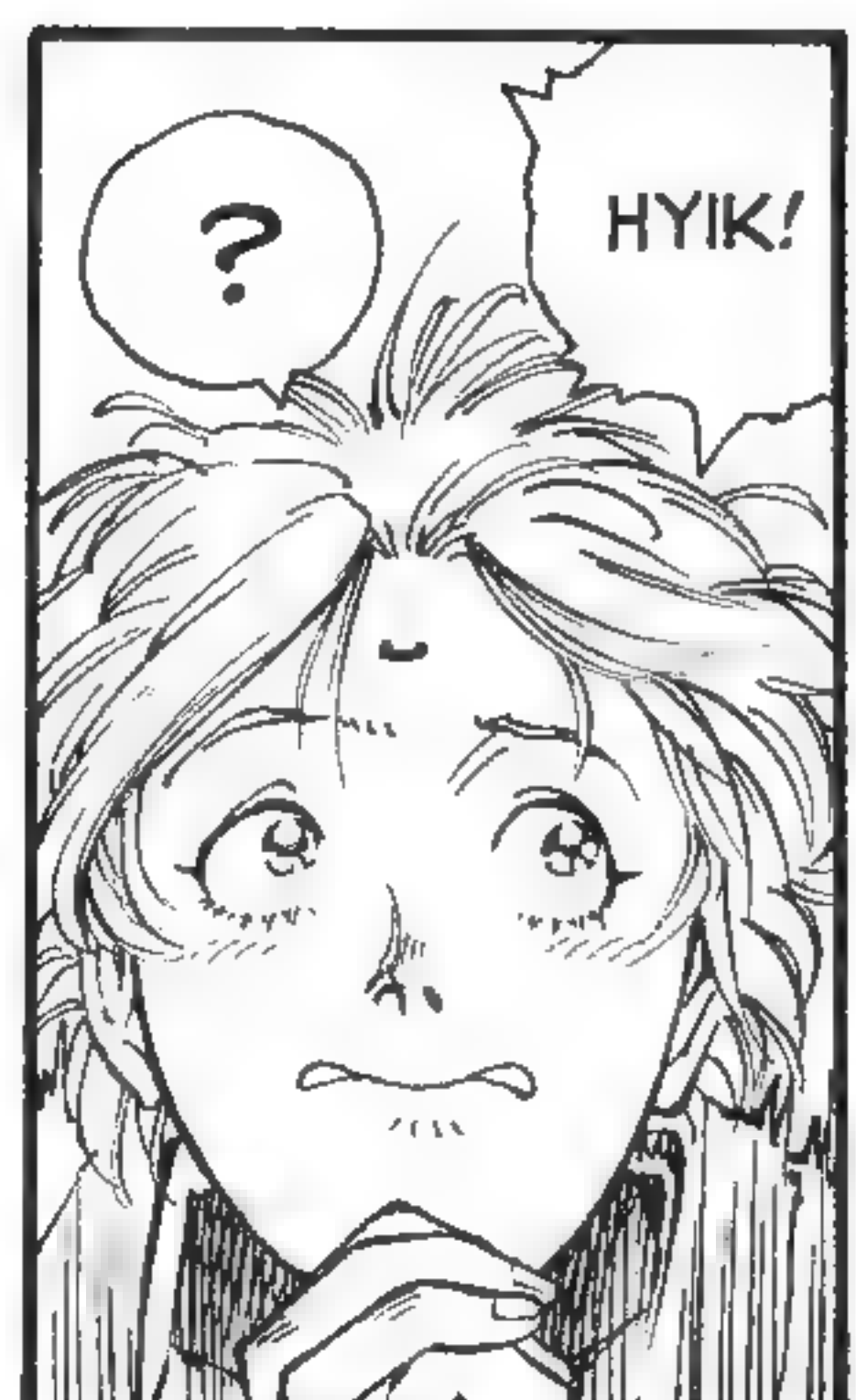
THIS
ONE!



**DON'T,
YOU
IDIOT!!**

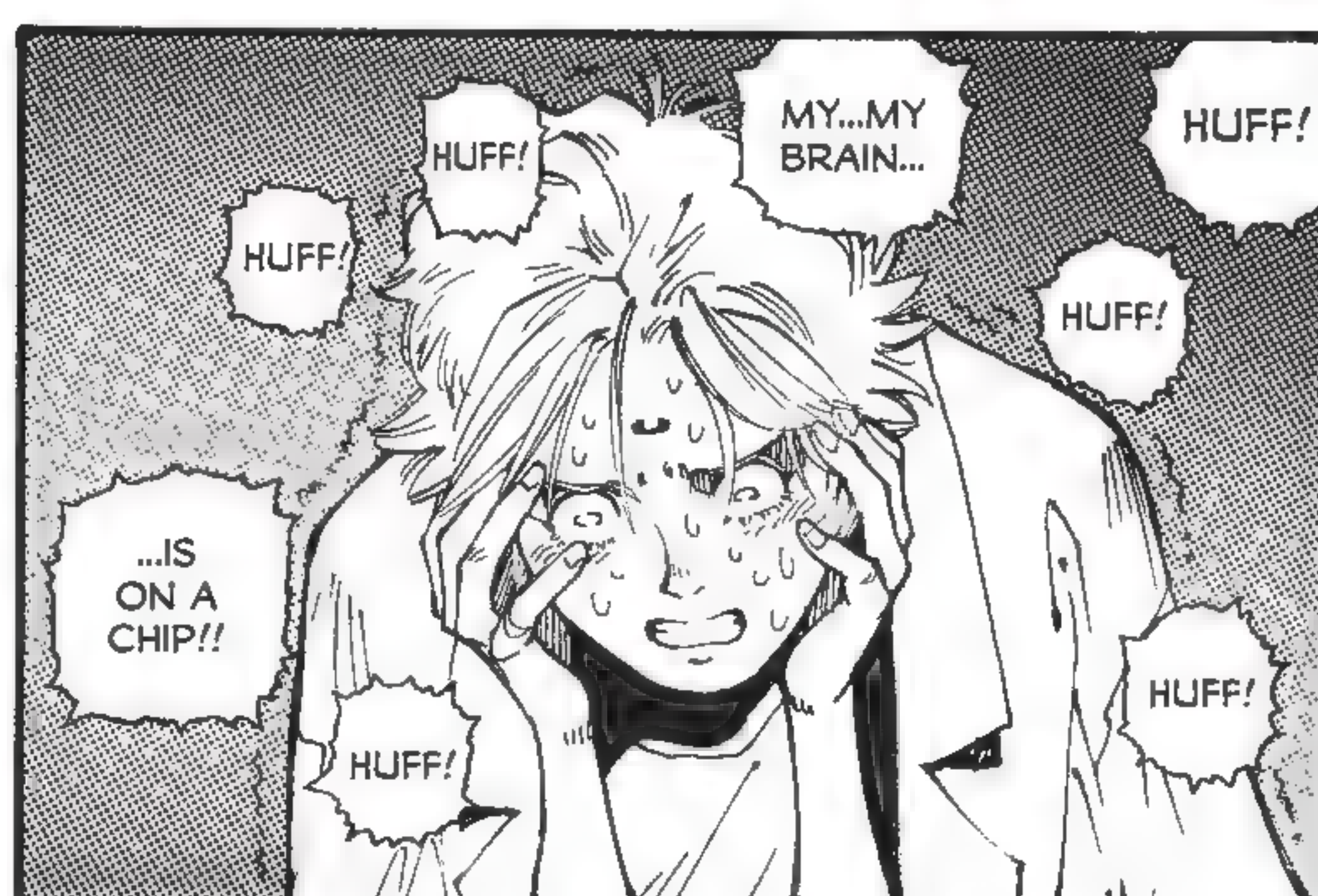
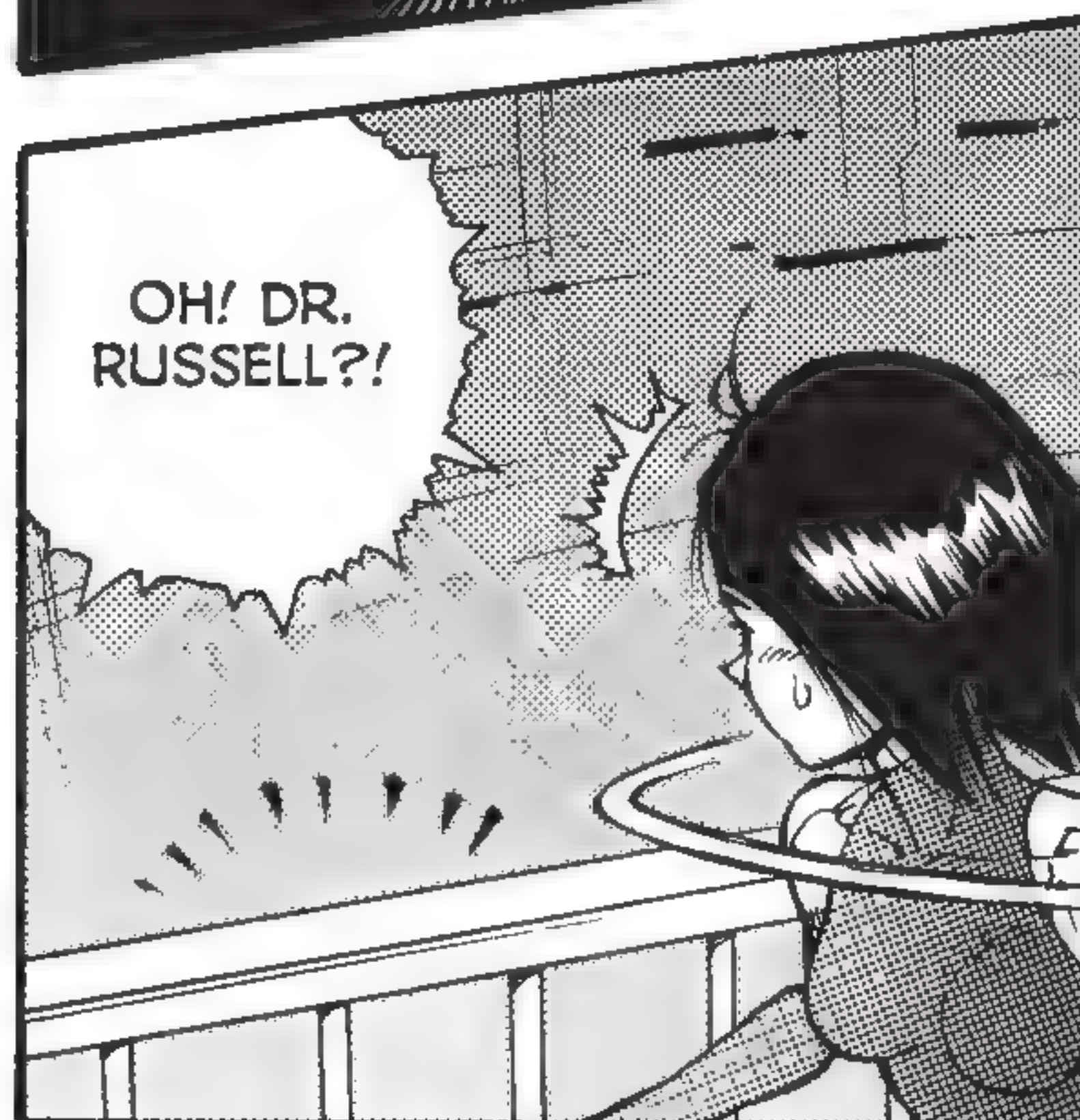
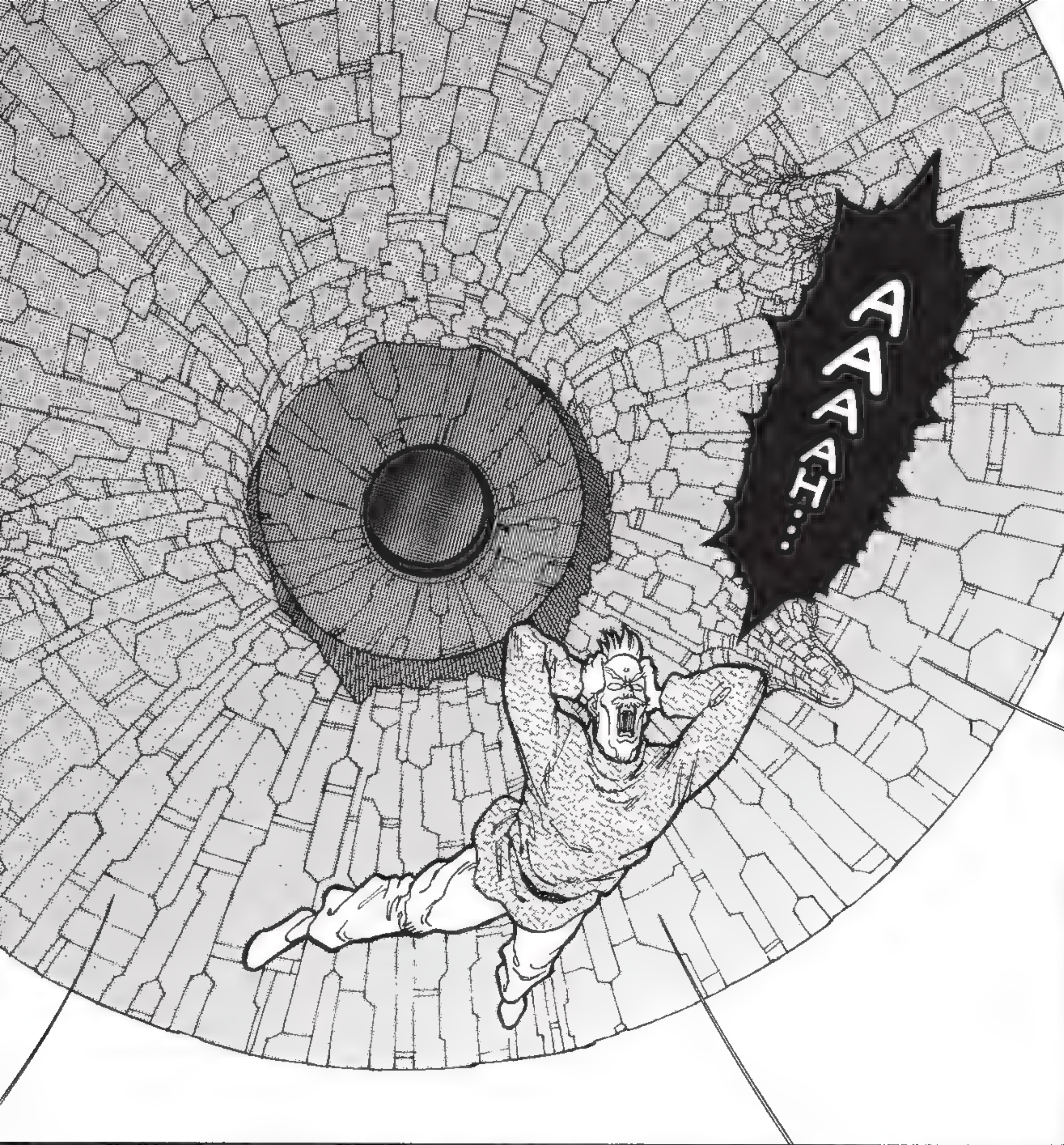


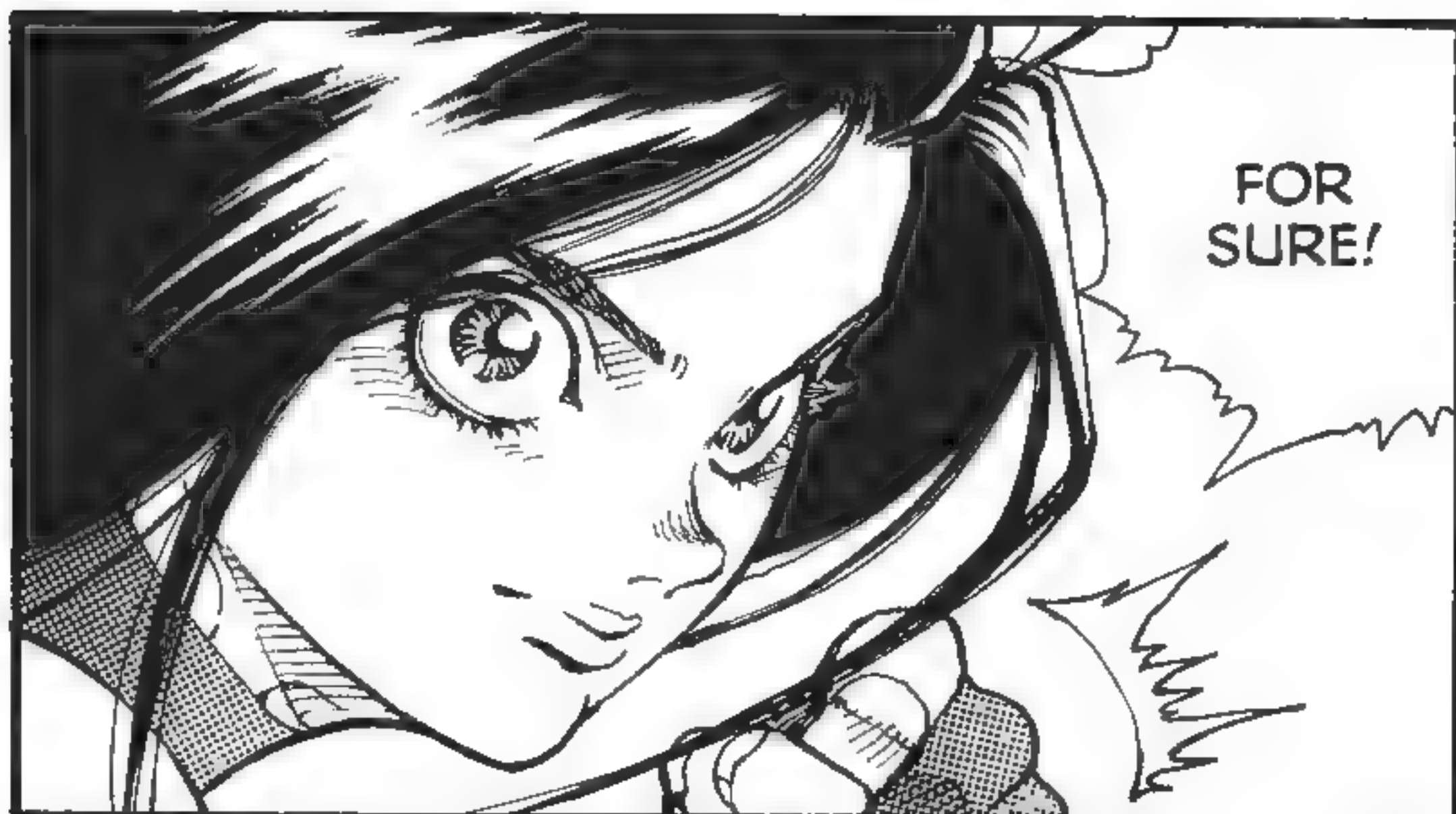
ER...
WHAT
SECRET?



?

HYIK!





FOR SURE!



NOT SO FAST, ALITA!



C'MON, ALITA! WE CAN SAVE THE CHILDREN'S BRAINS FROM THE SYSTEM!!

THE INITIATION* IS HAPPENING TOMORROW!



THERE IS NO ONE IN ZALEM NOW STRONGER THAN YOU.

I ADVISE YOU TO *THINK CAREFULLY.*

THINK VERY HARD ABOUT THIS!



THERE IS *ONE* PERSON IN A POSITION TO THROW A WRENCH IN THOSE GEARS...

ZALEM... THE FACTORY... THE SCRAPYARD... THESE THINGS ARE BALANCED LIKE CLOCKWORK, WITH MILLIONS OF HUMAN LIVES IN THE BALANCE.

...AND NOT A SINGLE SOUL CAPABLE OF STOPPING HER FROM DOING IT!!



...?

*Initiation: A yearly ceremony that Zalem youths undergo at age 19, which gives them the Zalem brand on the forehead and full citizenship. This is when their brains are secretly replaced by the biochip.



HOW DOES
IT FEEL TO HAVE
THE WORLD
RESTING IN THE
PALM OF YOUR
HAND?

**THE
FREEDOM
IS YOURS!**

THINK VERY
CAREFULLY
ABOUT
THIS...

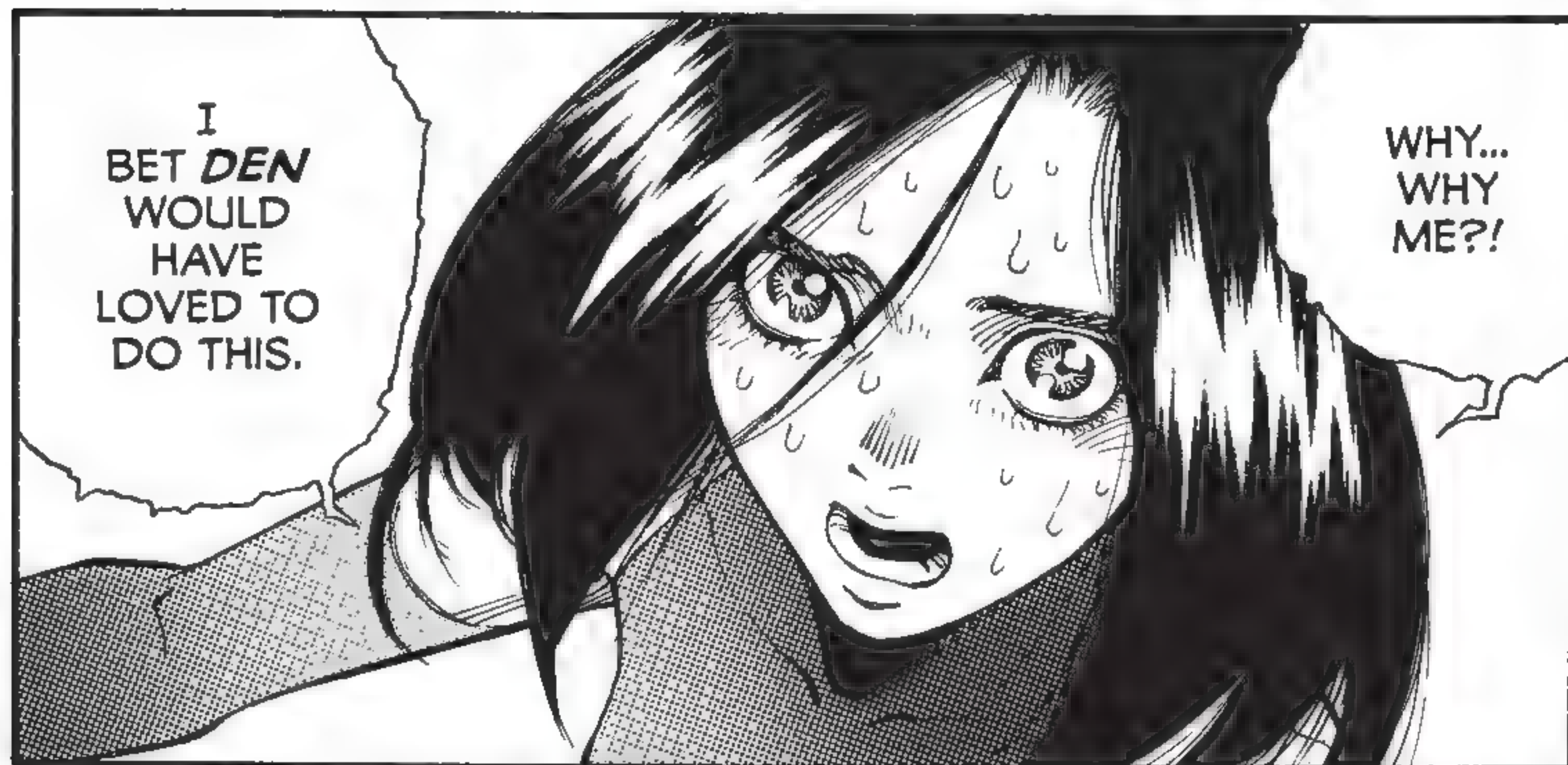


MY
ACTIONS
WILL
DETERMINE
THE FATE
OF THE
WORLD...?!



UM,
ALITA?

**ACT
AS YOUR
DESIRES
COMMAND!!**

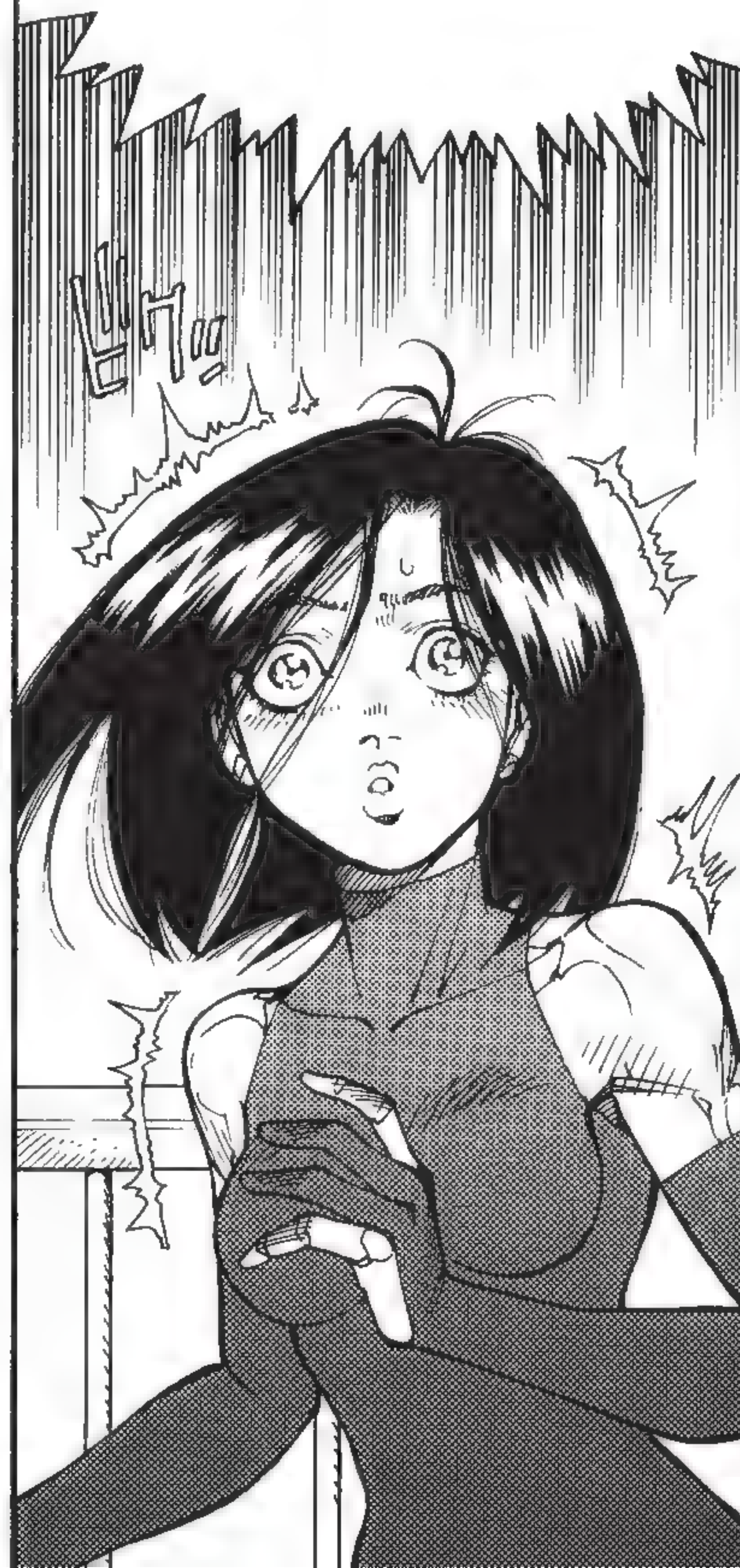


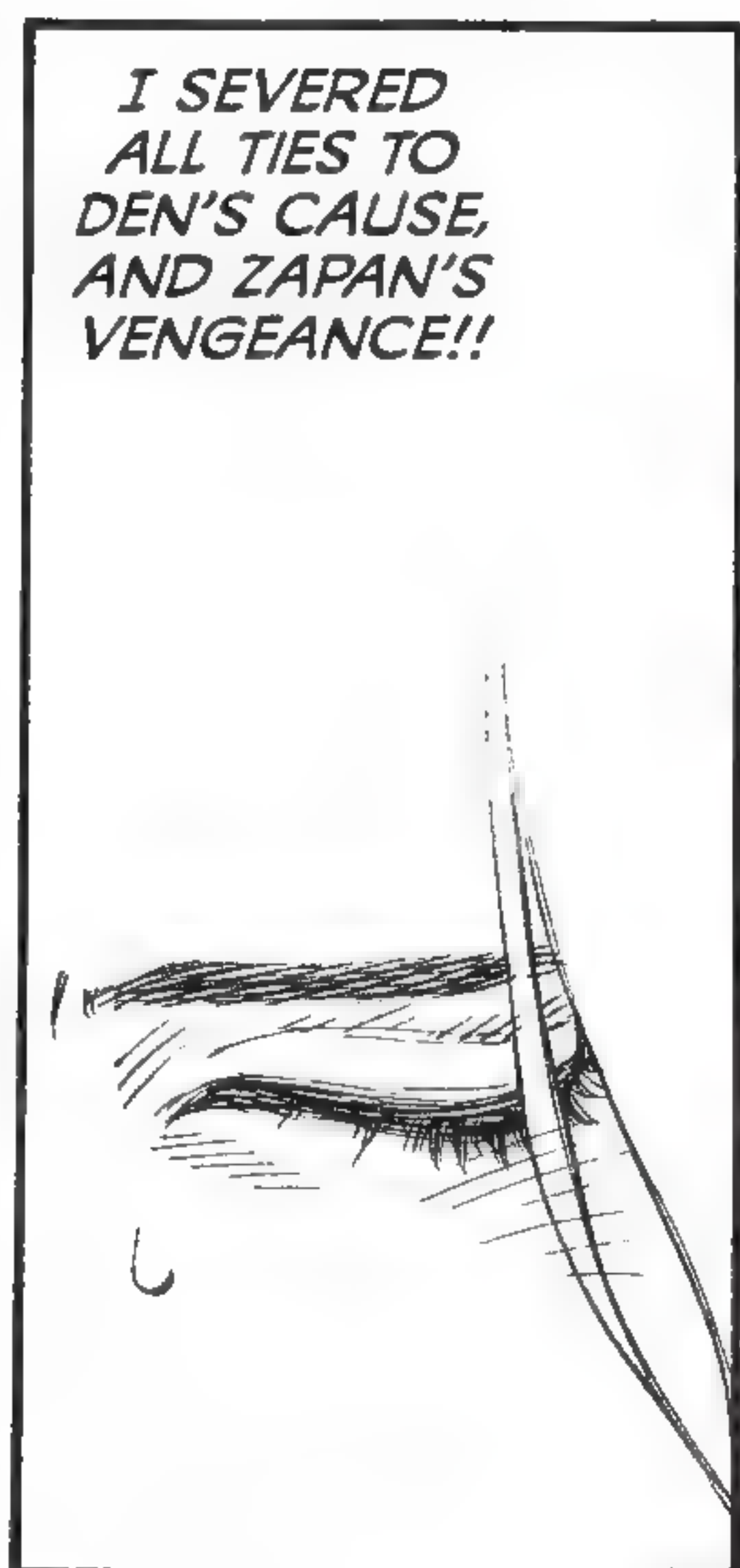
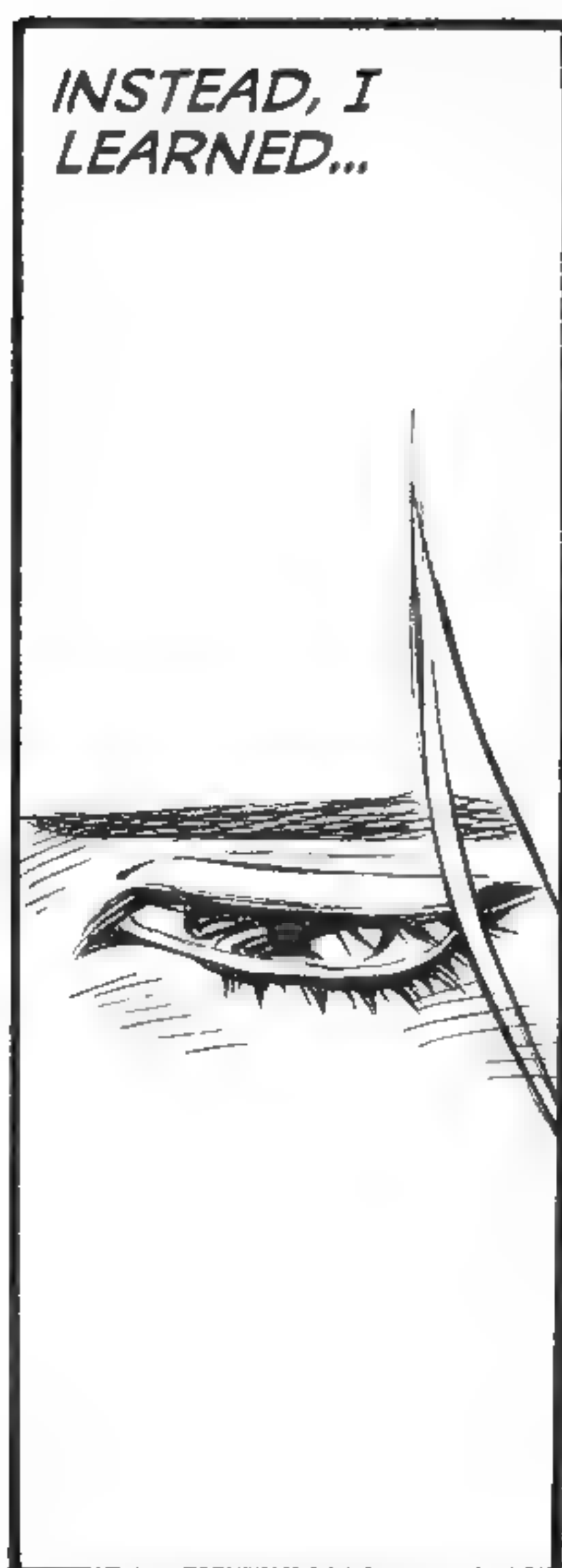
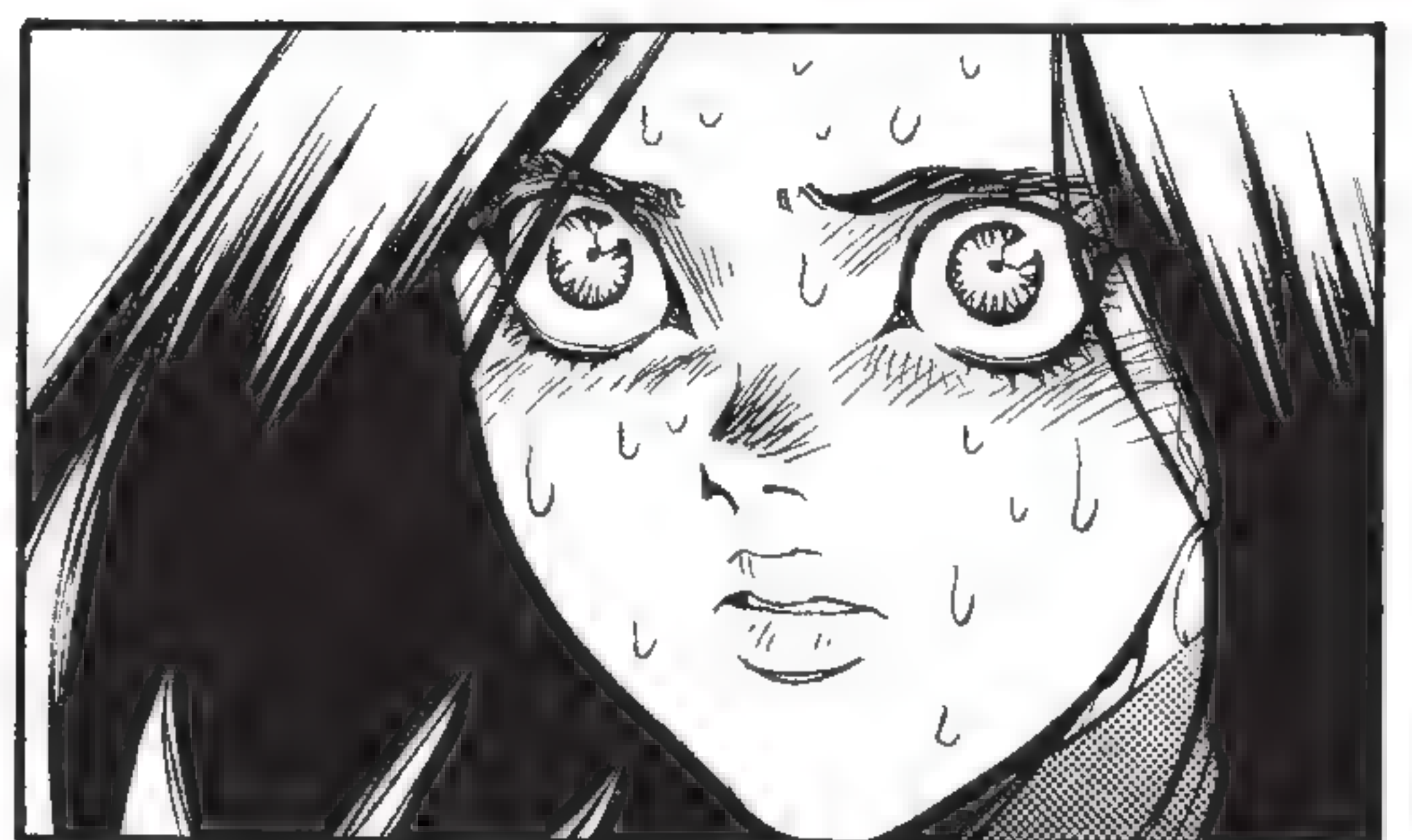
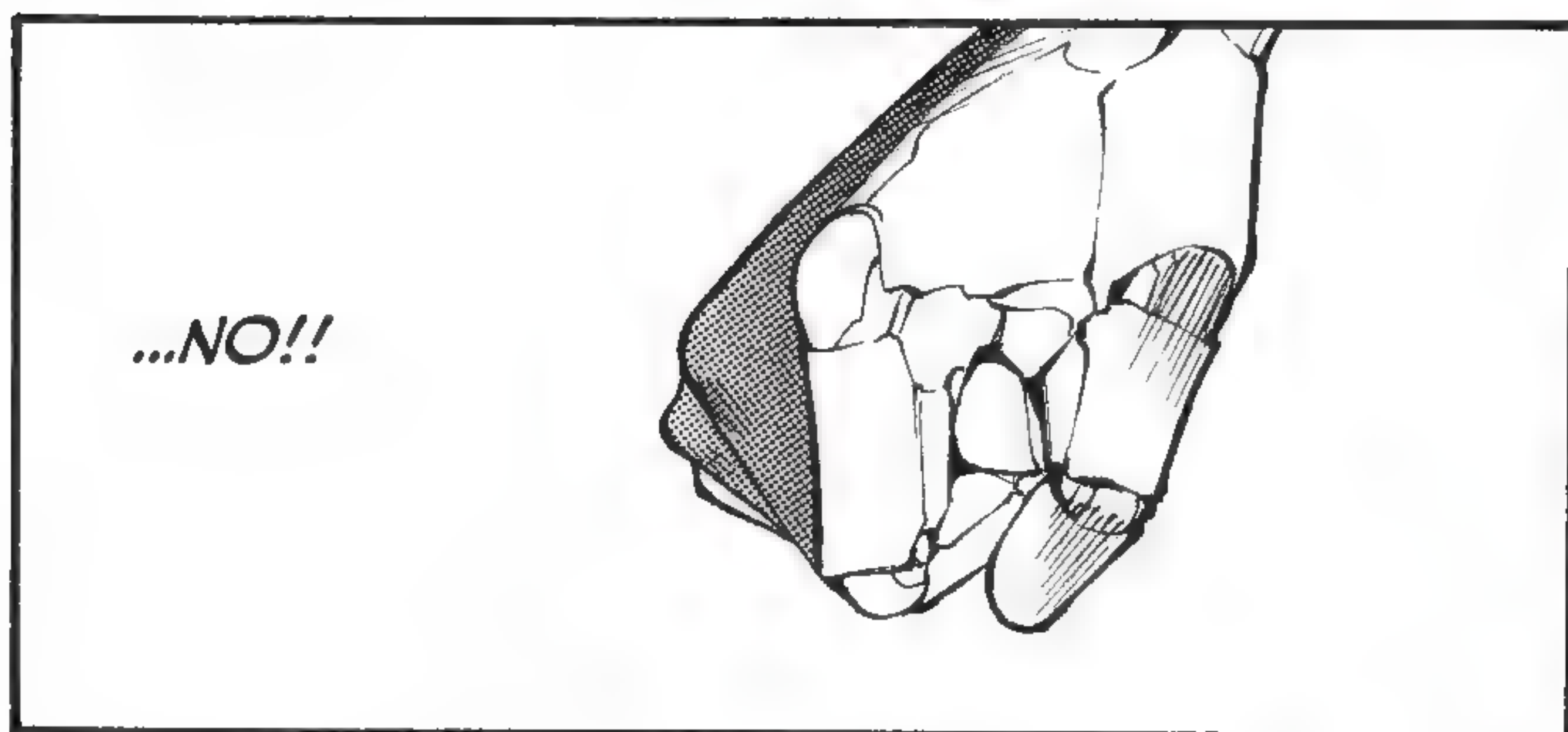
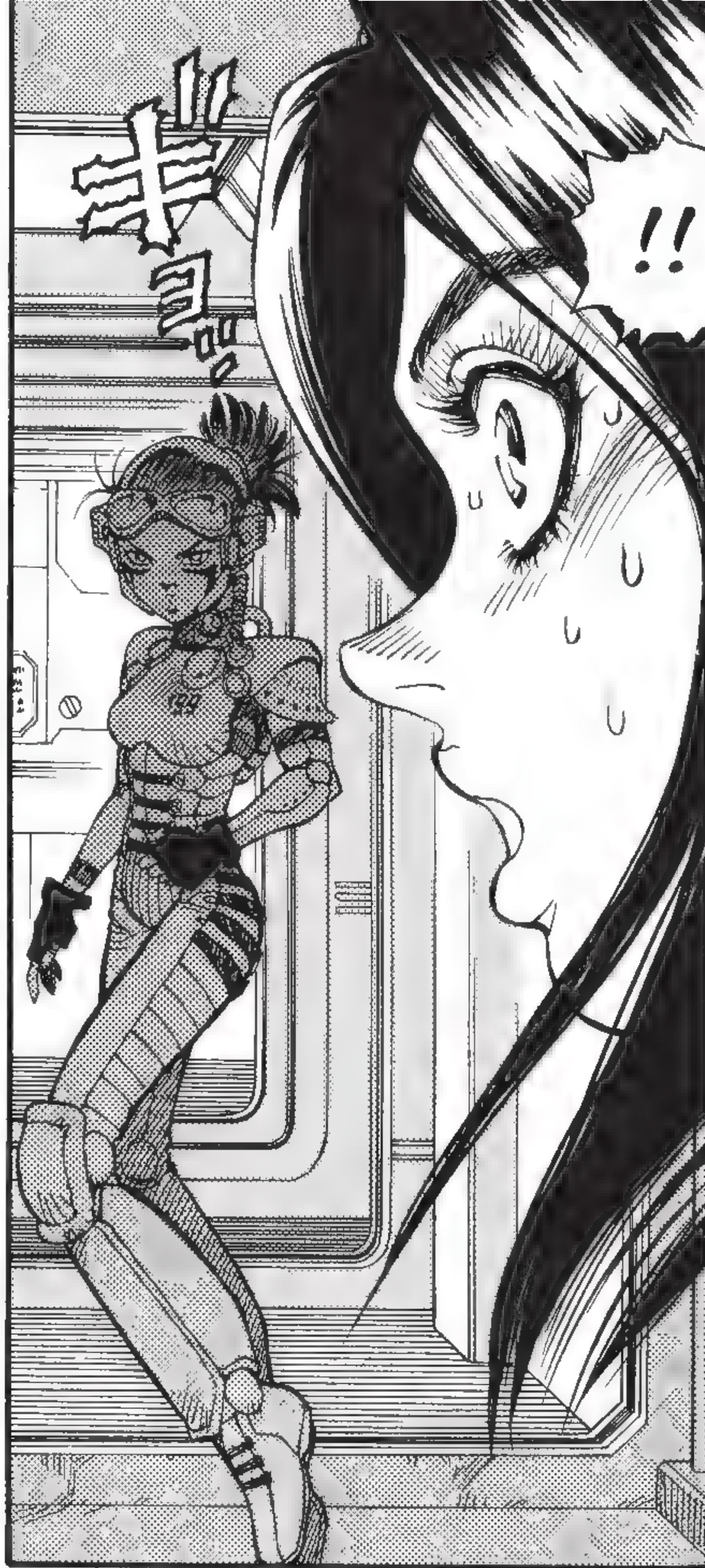
I
BET **DEN**
WOULD
HAVE
LOVED TO
DO THIS.

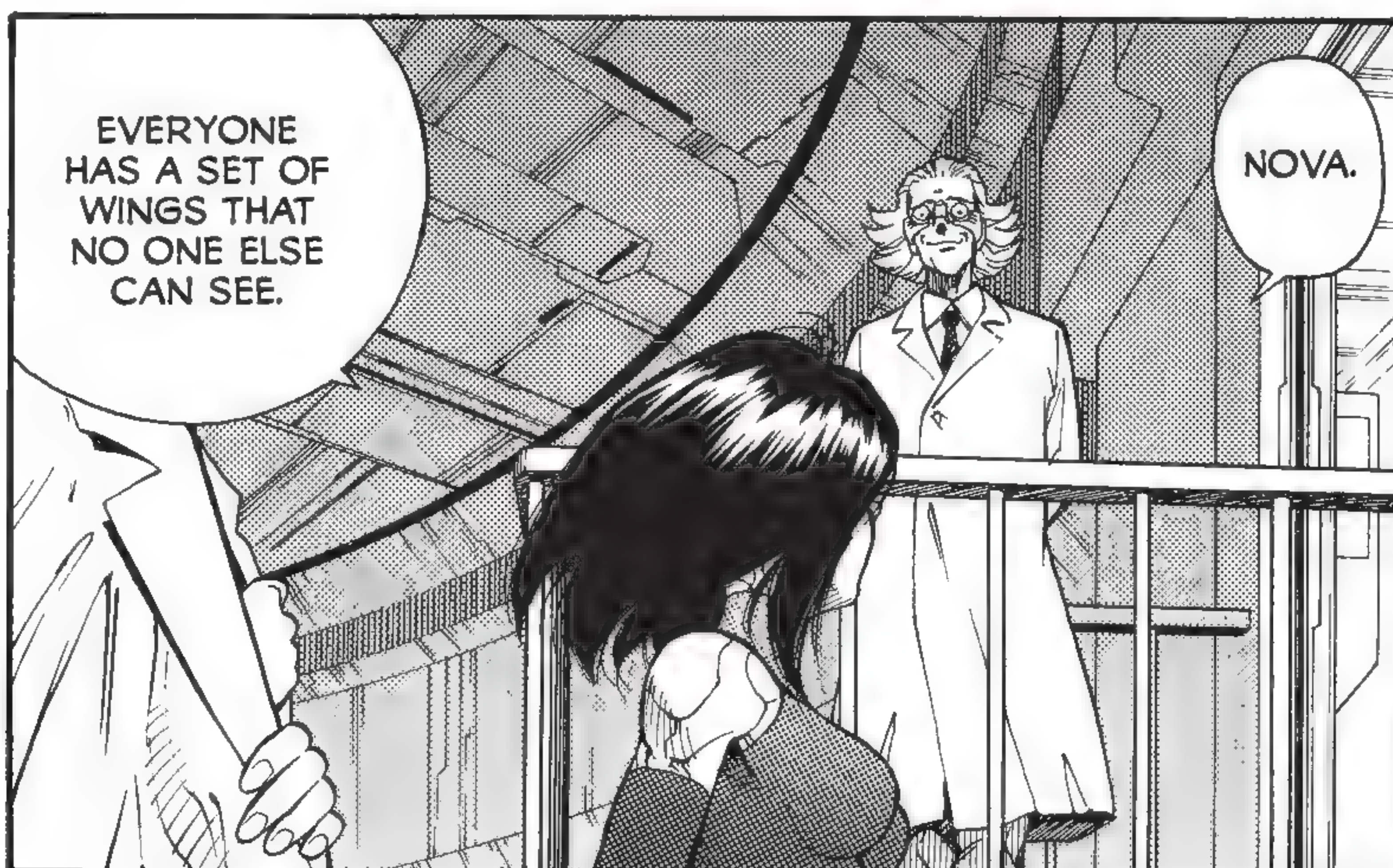
WHY...
WHY
ME?!



THIS IS THE
PINNACLE OF
THE MOUN-
TAIN...AND IT
WAS LEFT HERE
FOR YOU.







EVERYONE HAS A SET OF WINGS THAT NO ONE ELSE CAN SEE.

NOVA.



JUST *DIZZY* FOR A MOMENT.



ALITA...

I'M FINE.



...IT WOULD BE FOR EVERYONE TO BE CAPABLE OF FLYING WITH THOSE WINGS!



AND IF I COULD WISH FOR ONE THING—JUST ONE THING IN THE WORLD...



SECTOR
2

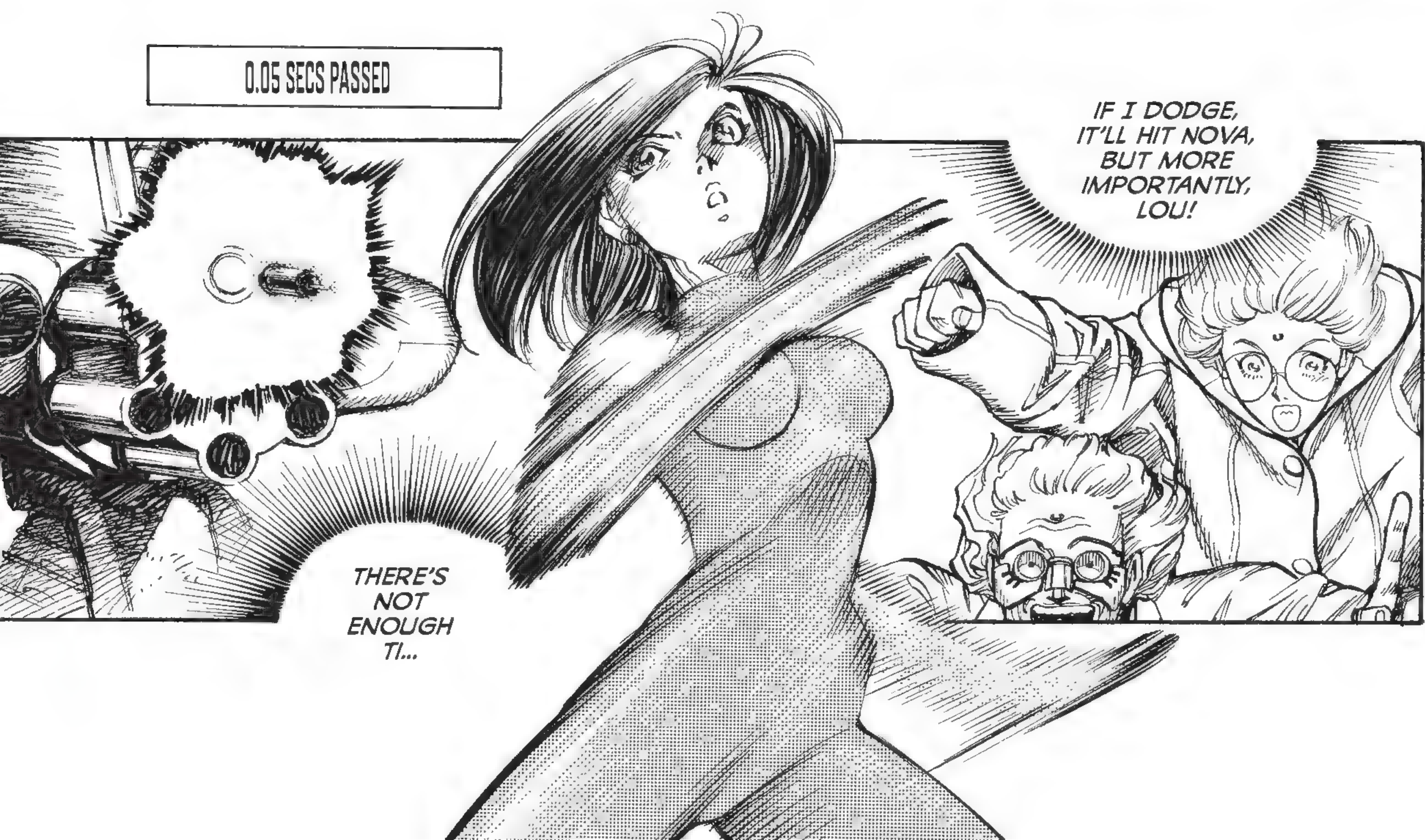
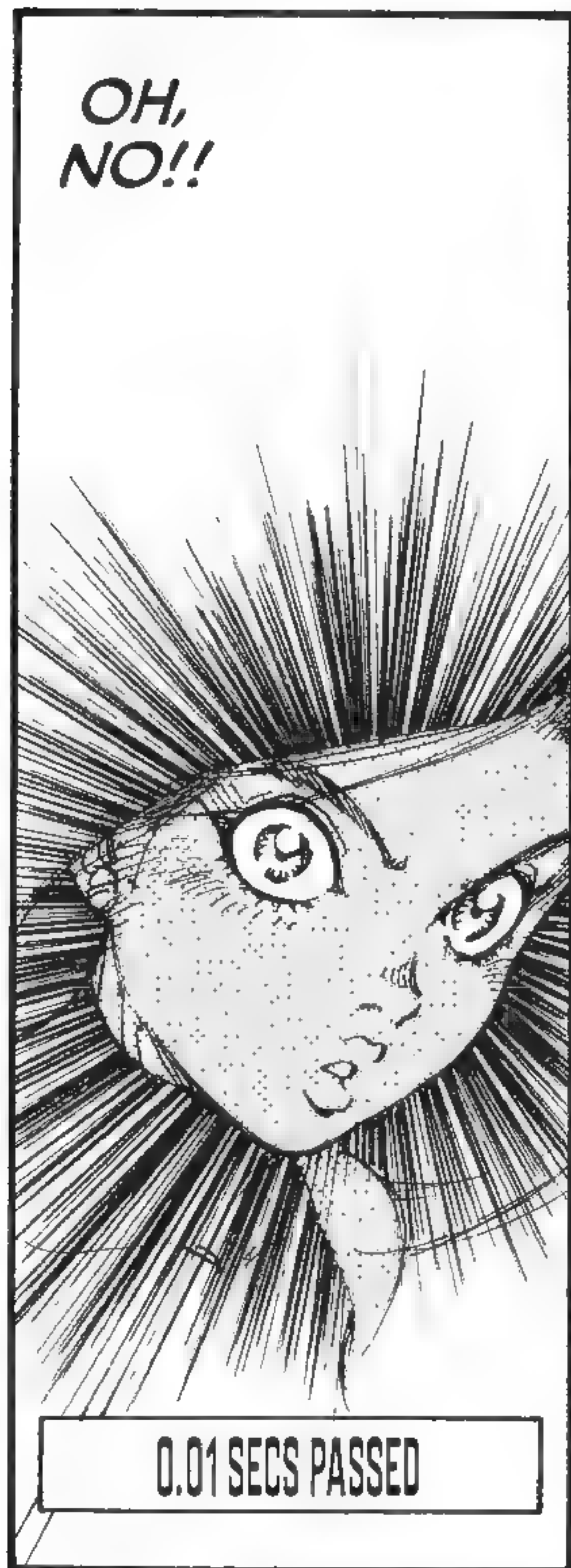
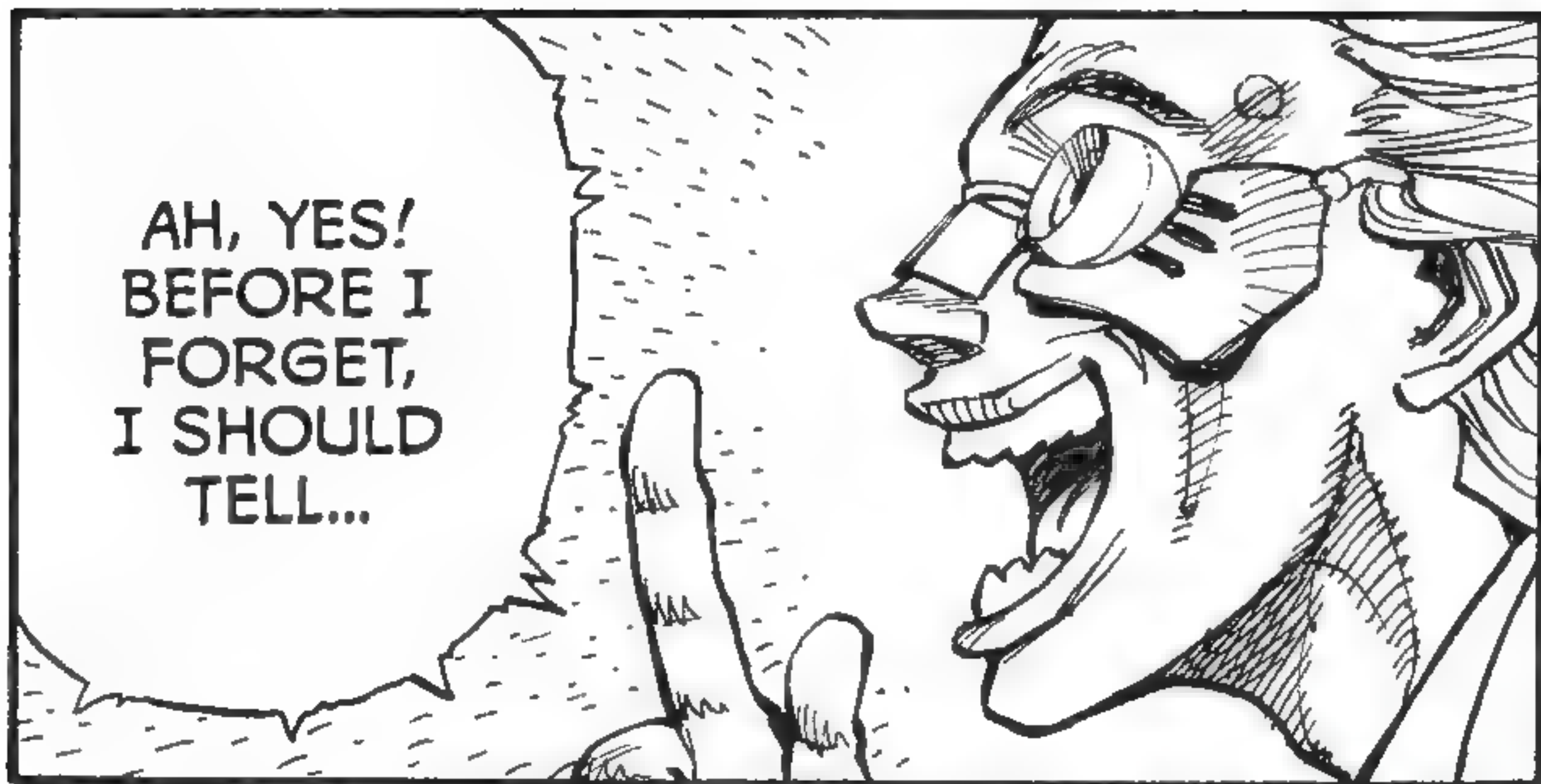
I...DON'T
KNOW...

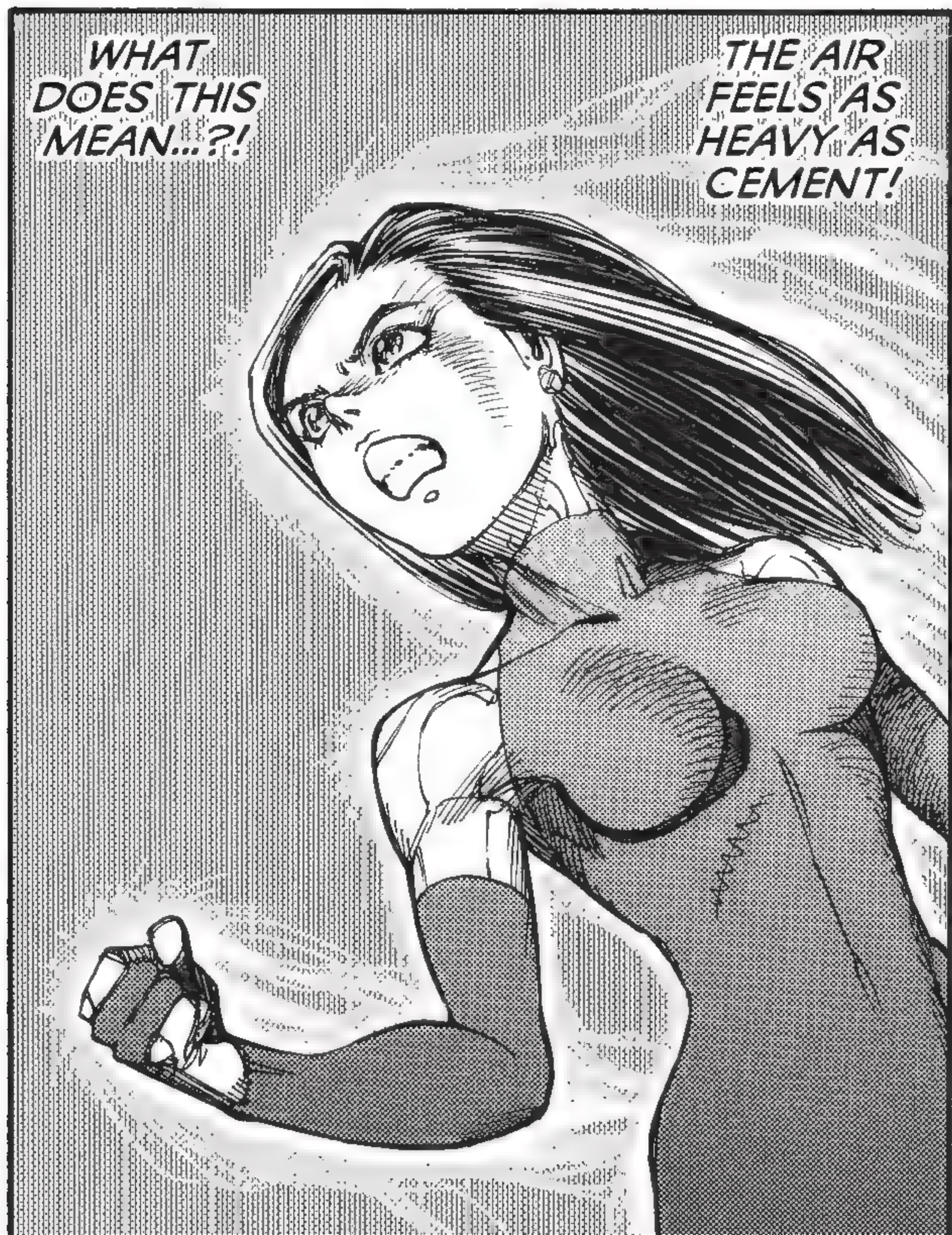
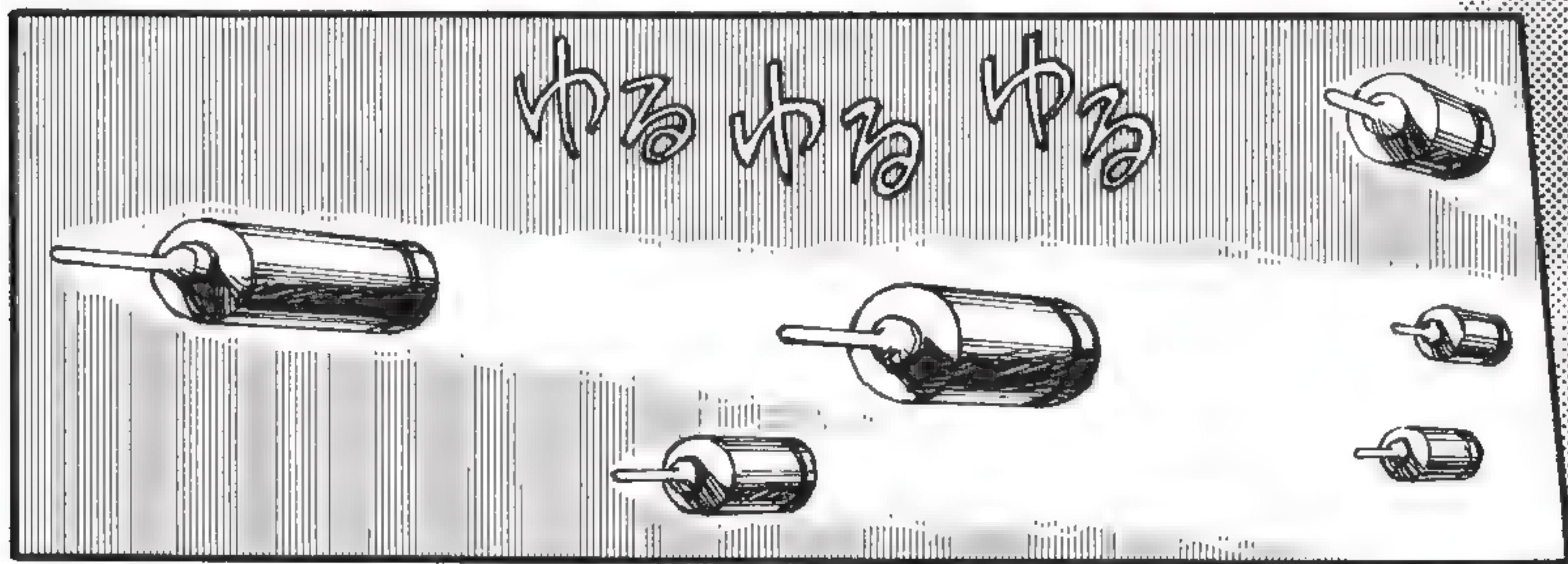
I'M NOT
GOOD
WITH
DIREC-
TIONS.

IS THIS THE
RIGHT WAY
TO THE
INITIATION
ROOM?

THIS
IS A FULLY
AUTOMATED
ZONE WE'RE
ENTERING
NOW--EVEN
THE M.I.B.
STAFF AREN'T
ALLOWED IN.

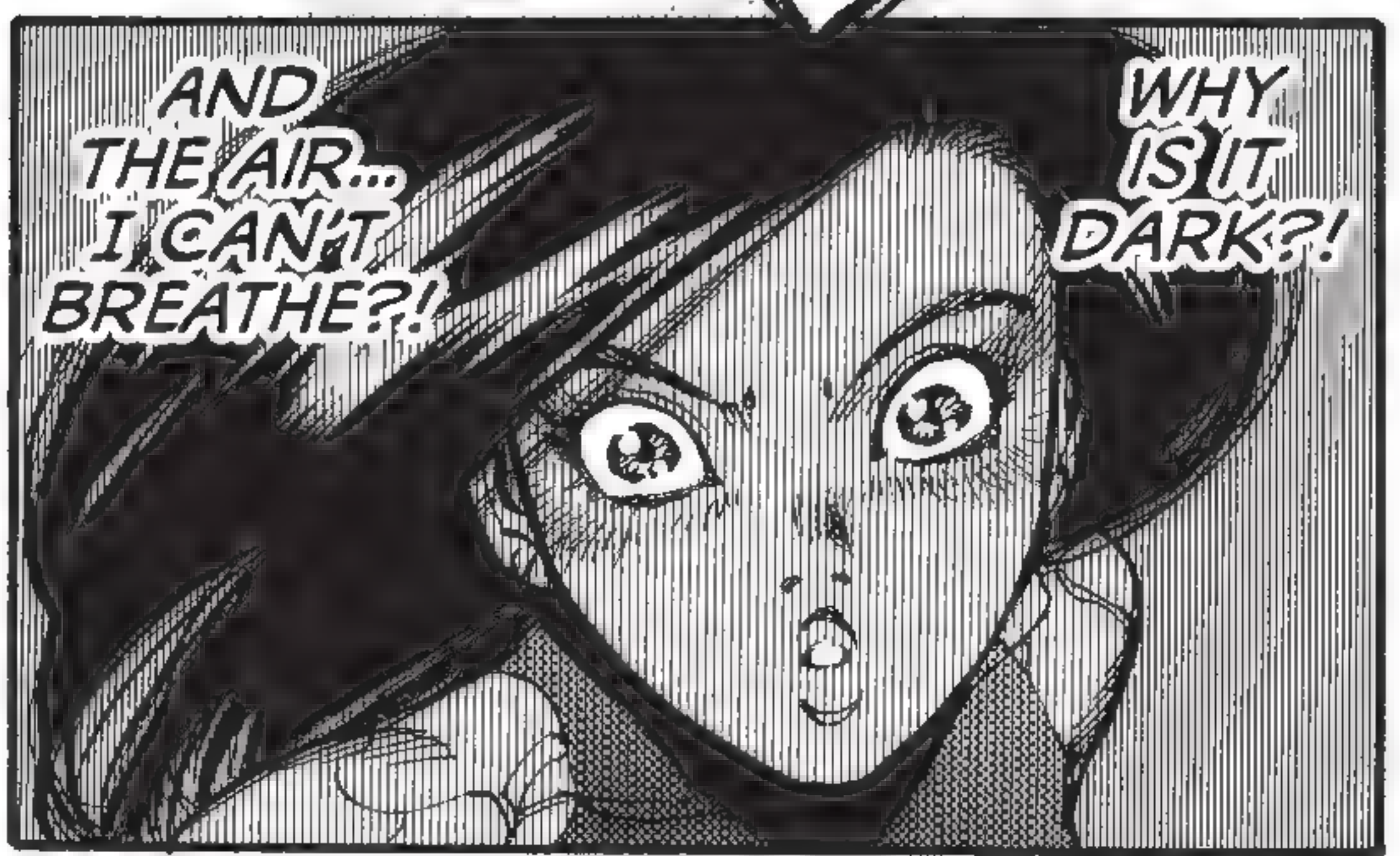
IT
SHOULD
BE CLOSE.





WHAT
DOES THIS
MEAN...?!

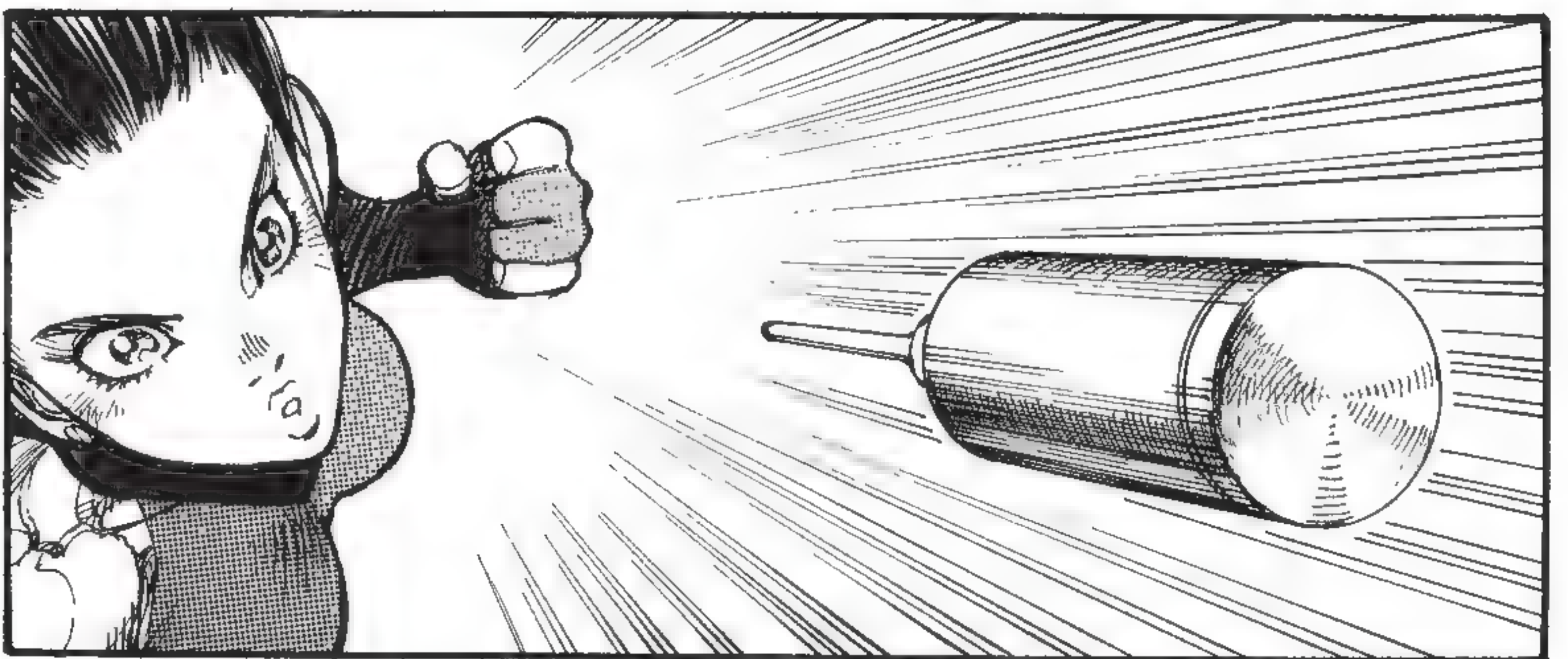
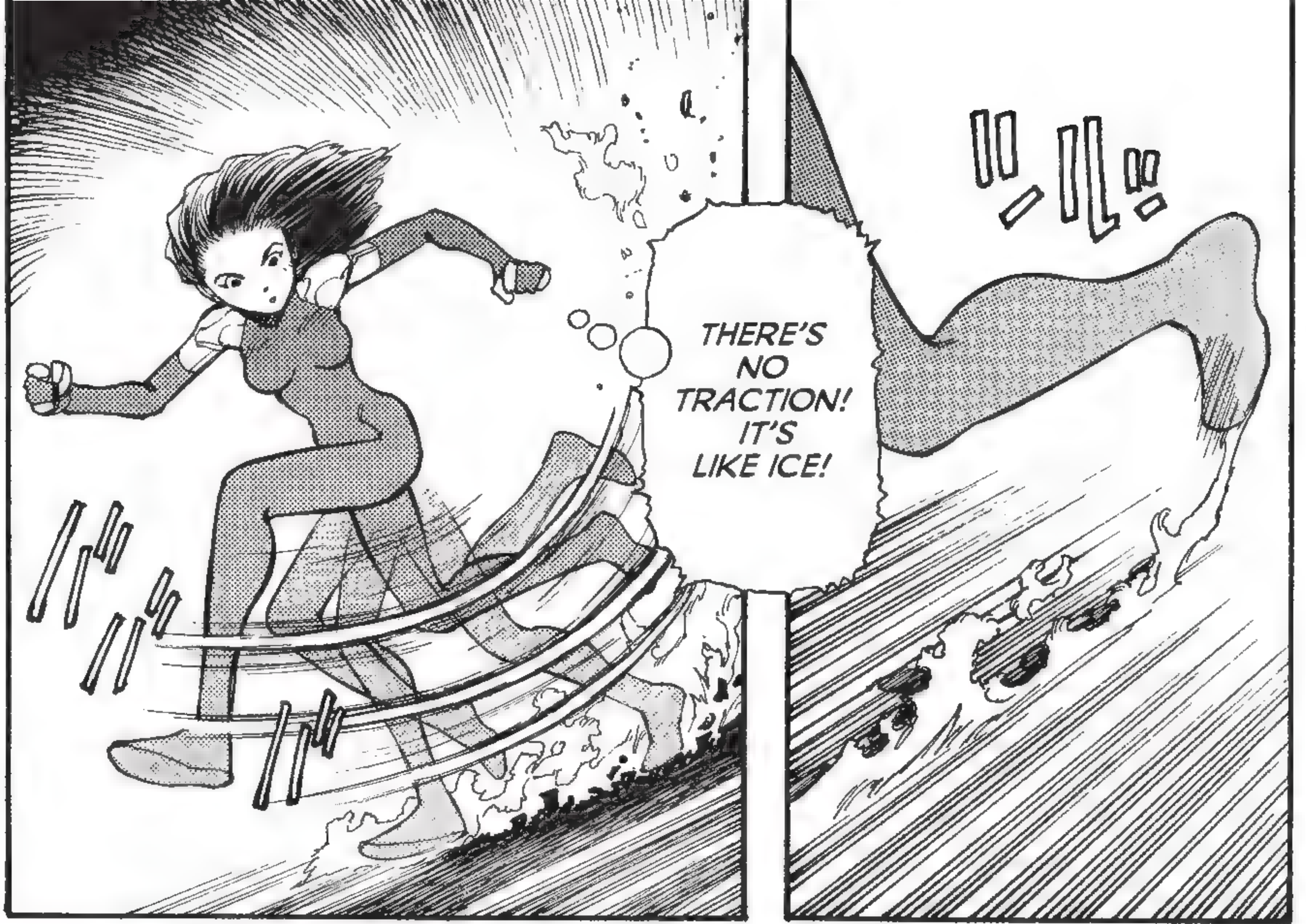
THE AIR
FEELS AS
HEAVY AS
CEMENT!

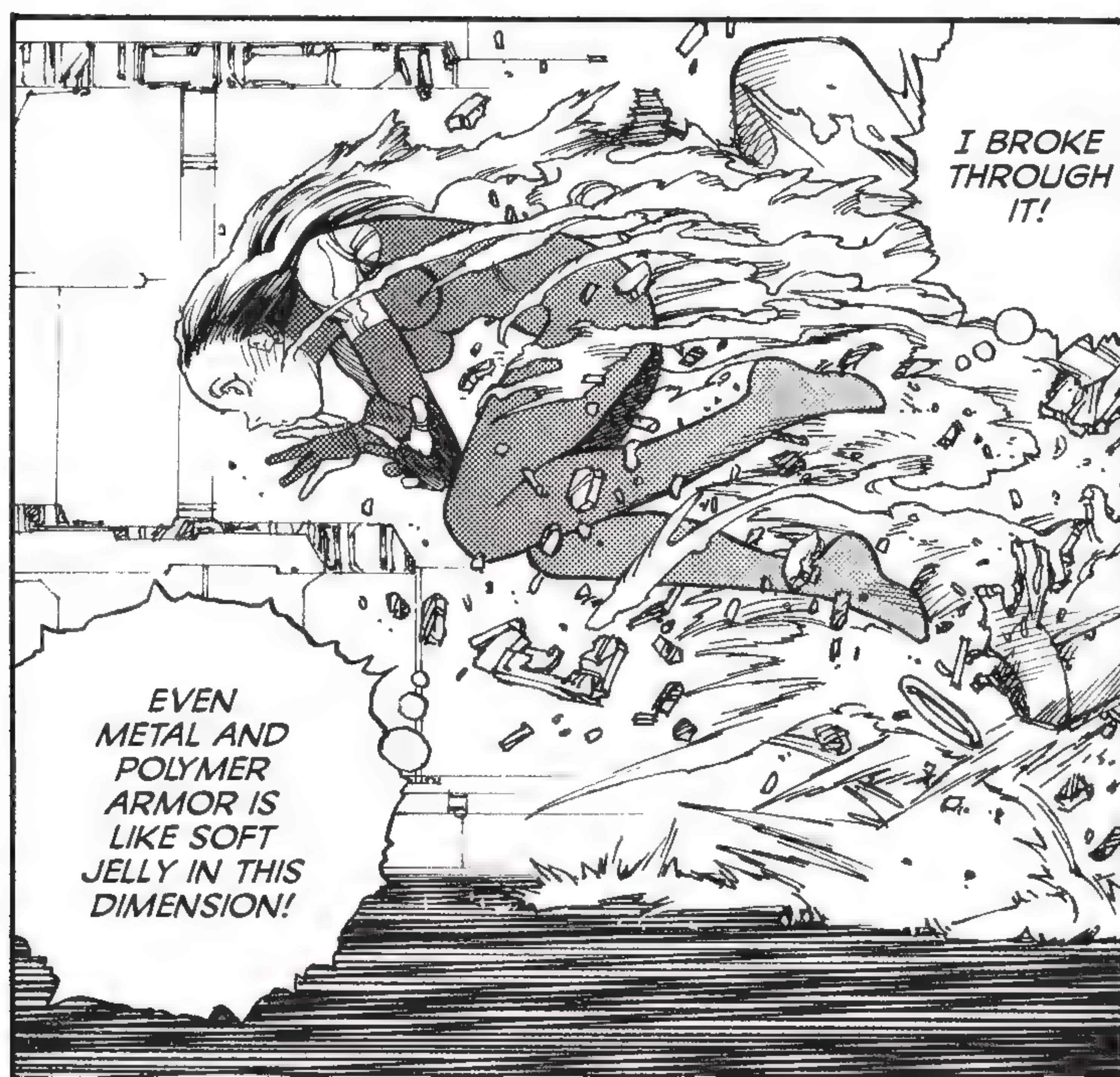
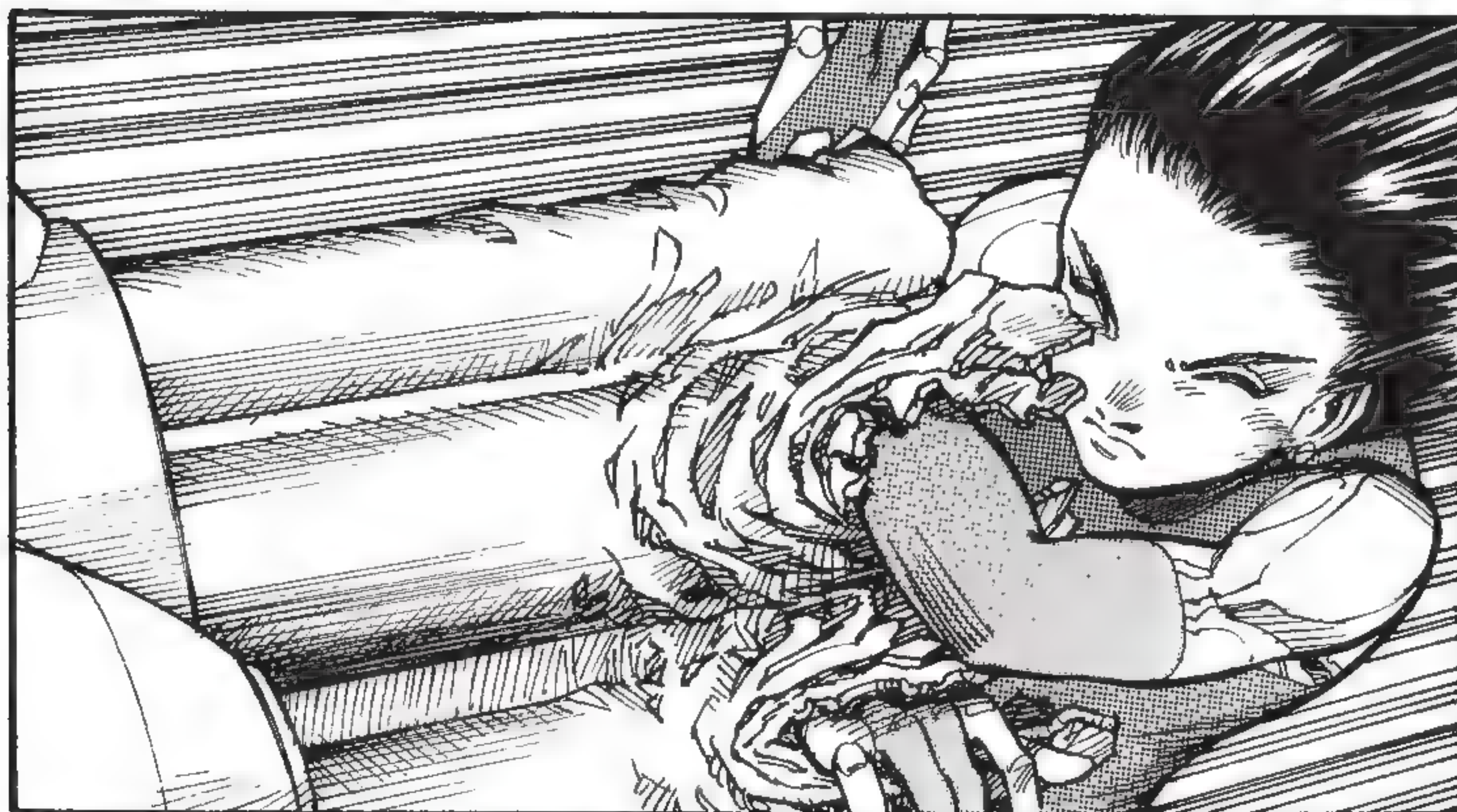
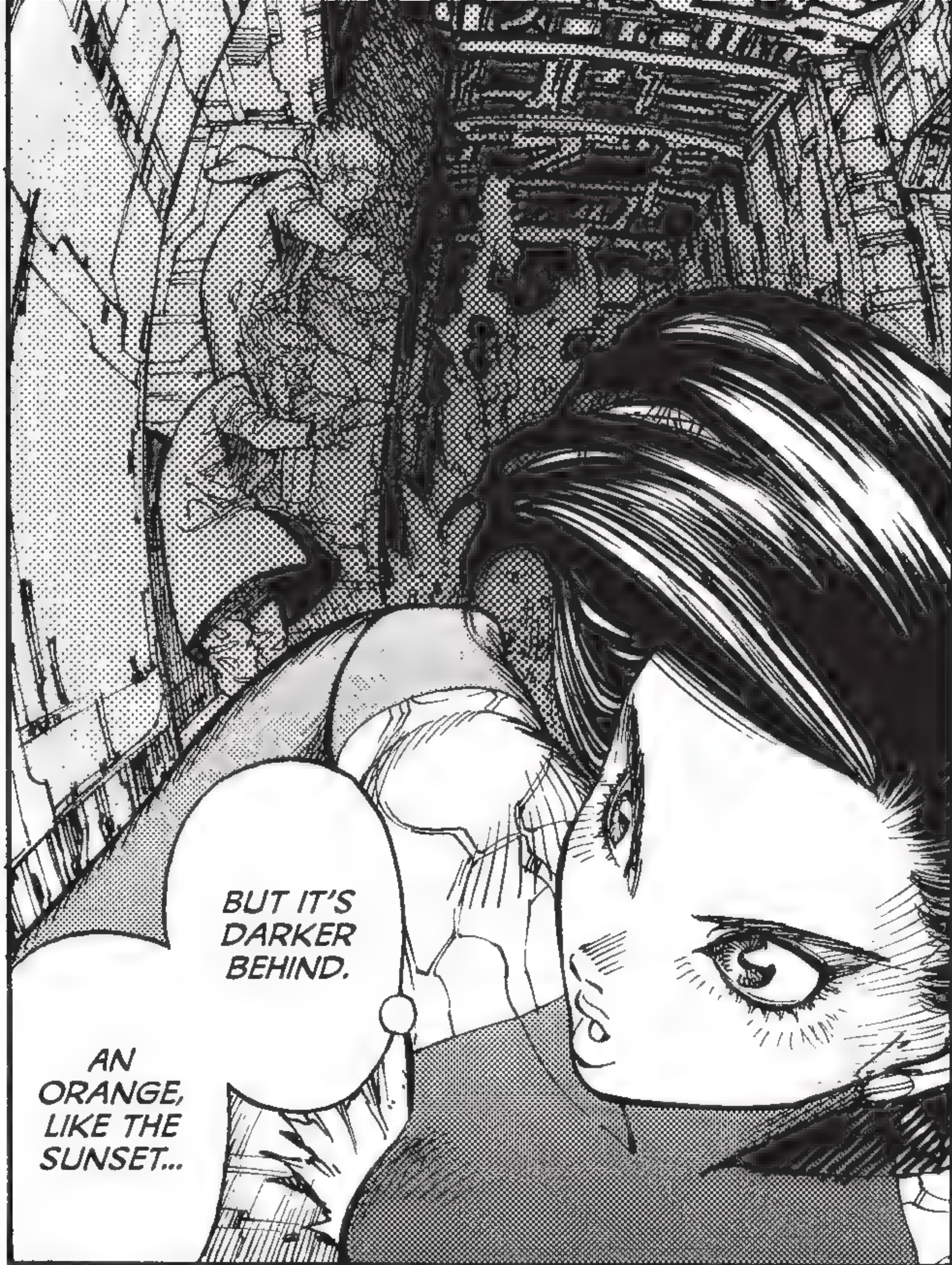


AND
THE AIR...
I CAN'T
BREATHE?!

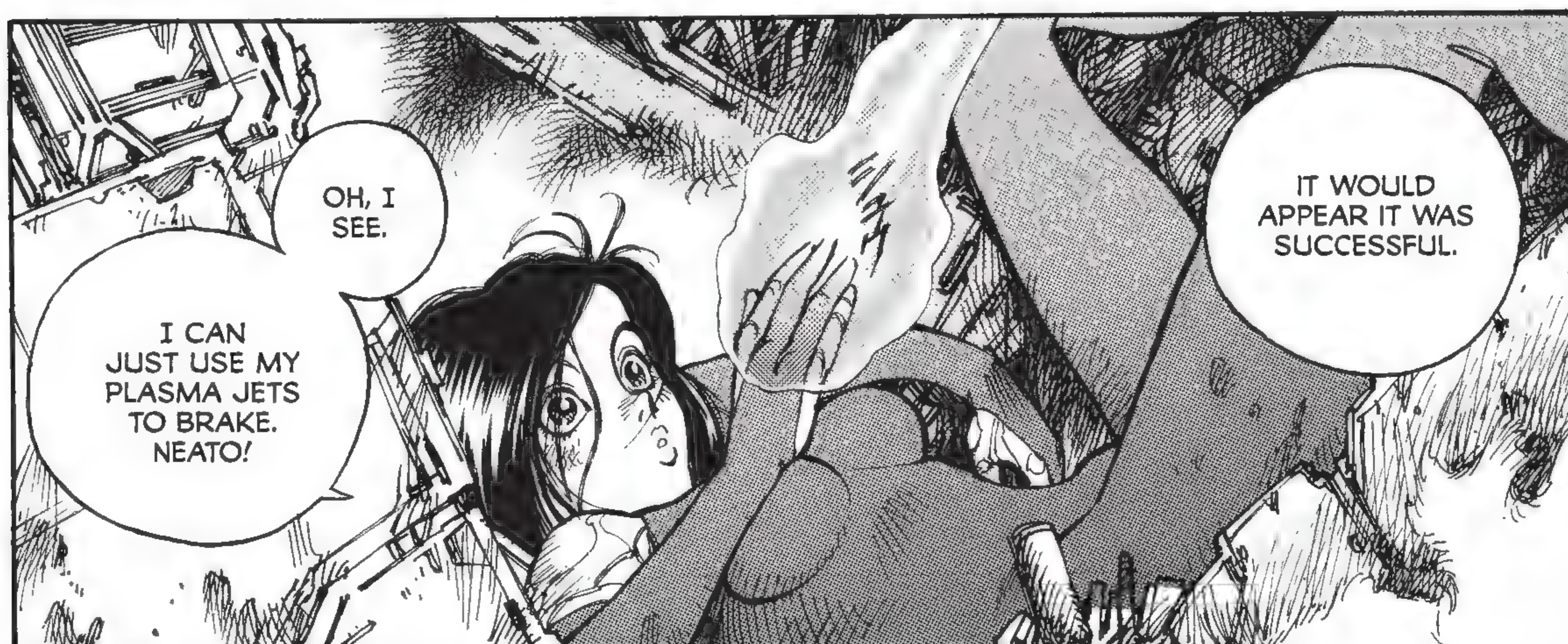
WHY
IS IT
DARK?!





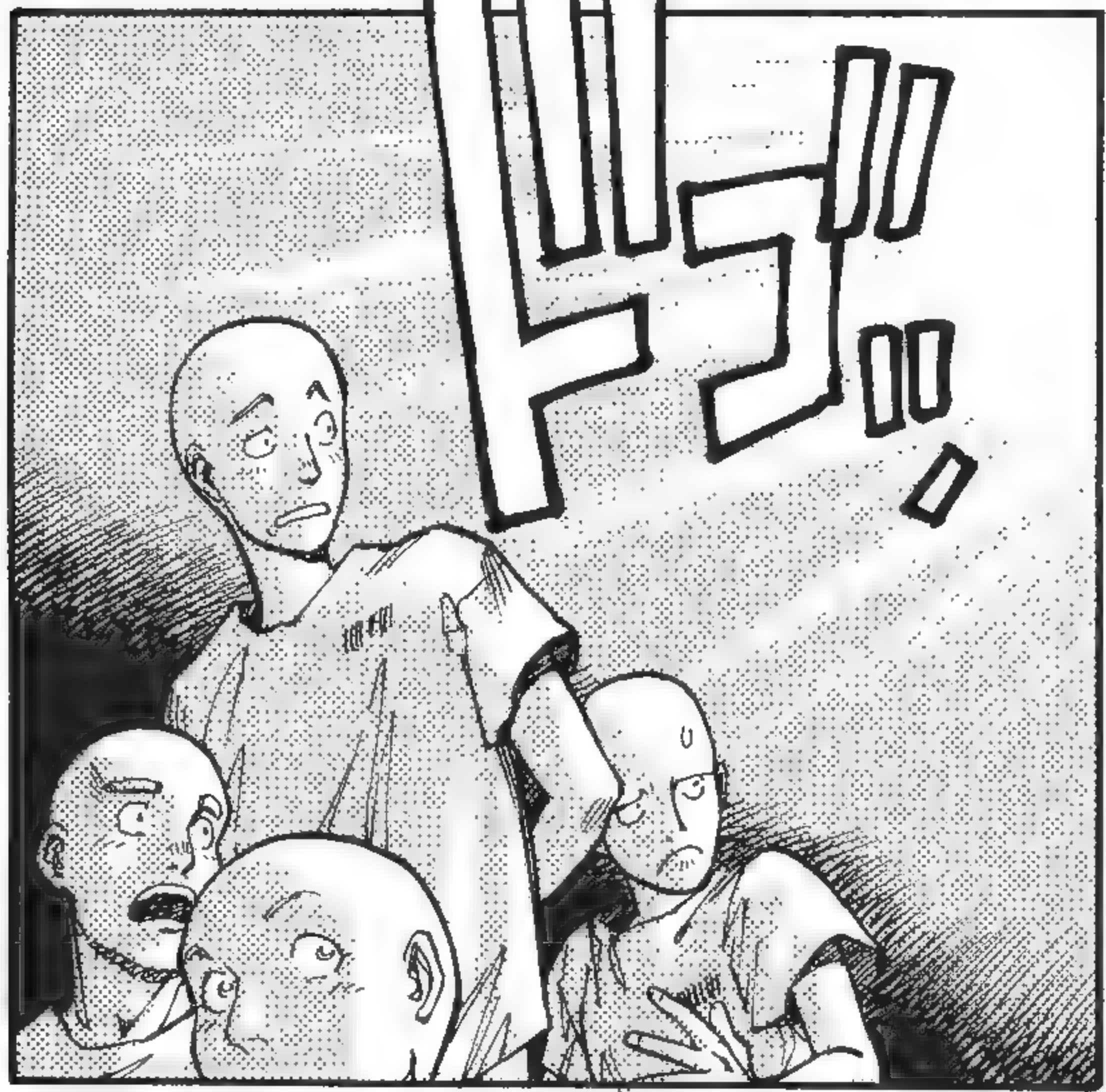
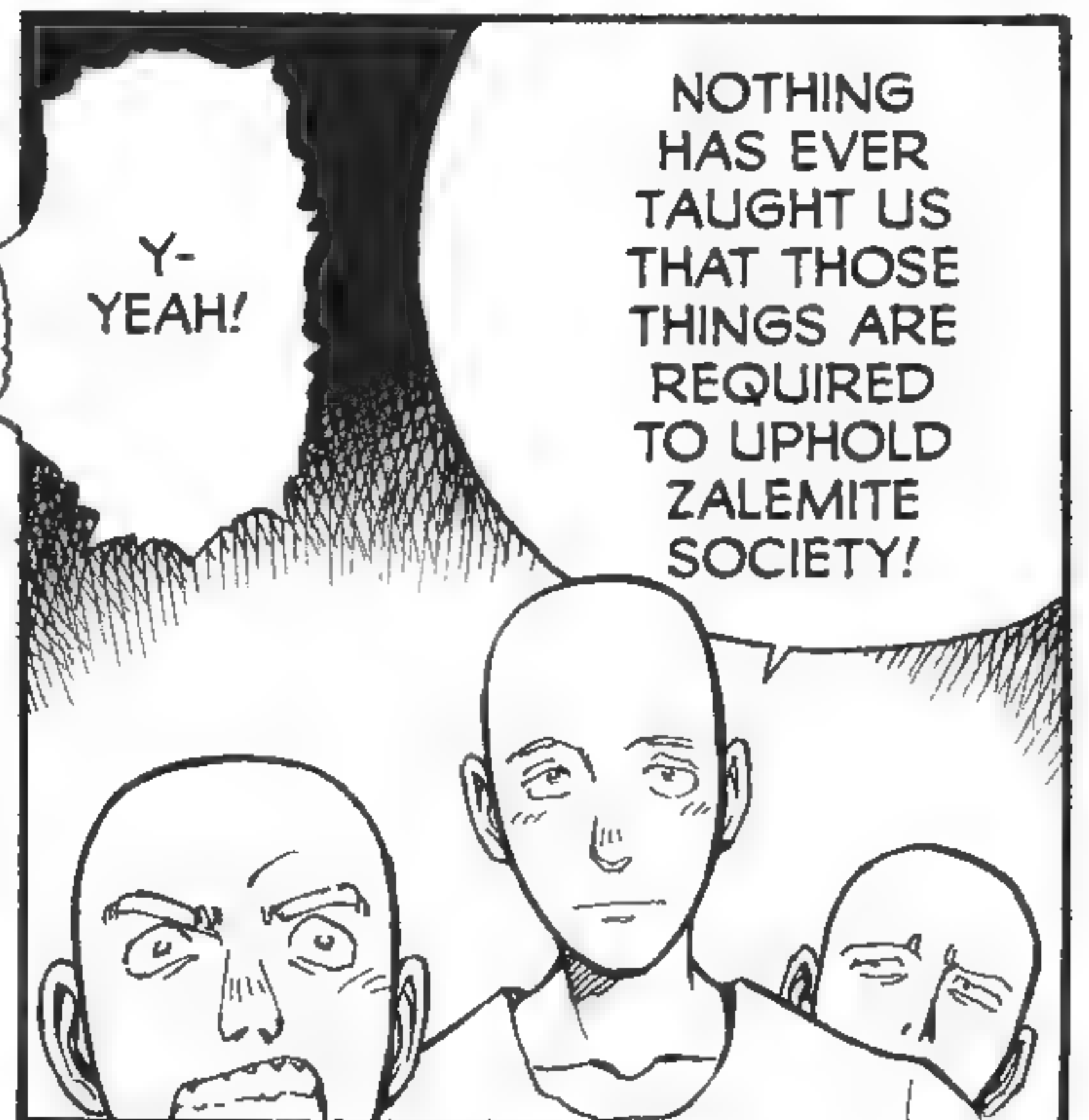


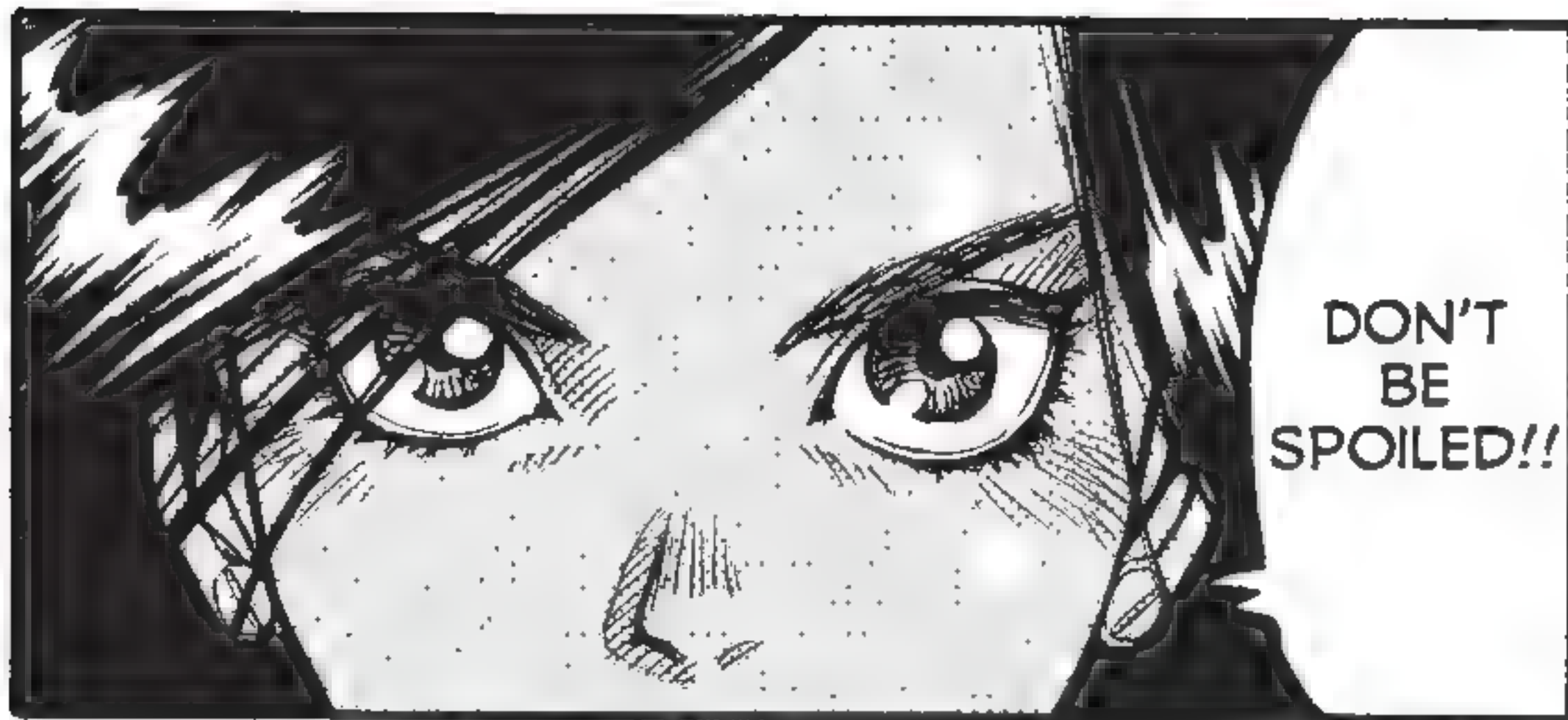
0.09 SECS PASSED



*Clock speed: The number of computational cycles a computer can run in a second. The equivalent for the human brain is about 10-100 Hz. However, information processing works entirely different between a brain and a computer, and clock speed should not be used to compare ability.







DON'T
BE
SPOILED!!



WHAT?!
NO!

THAT'S
NOT
FAIR!



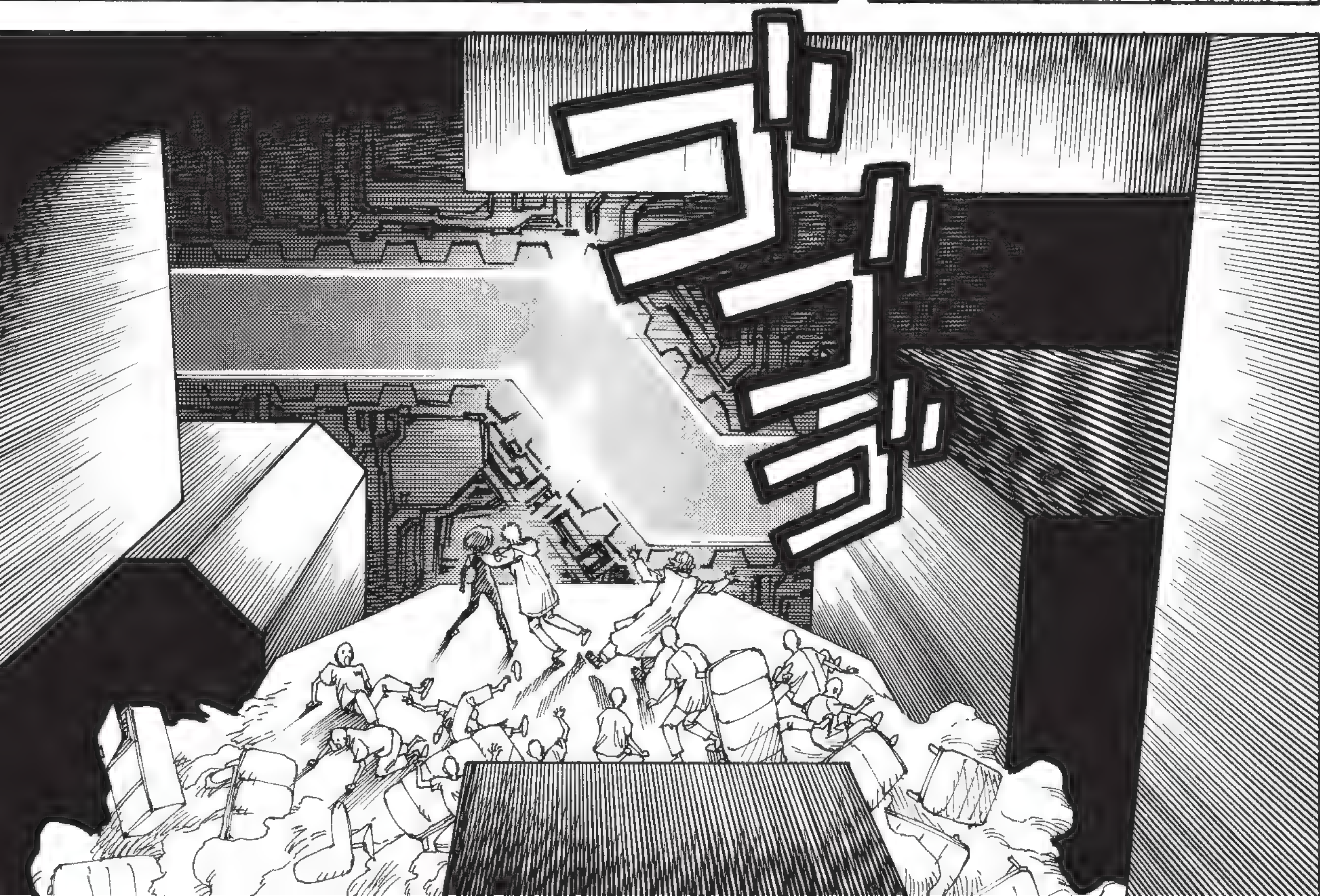
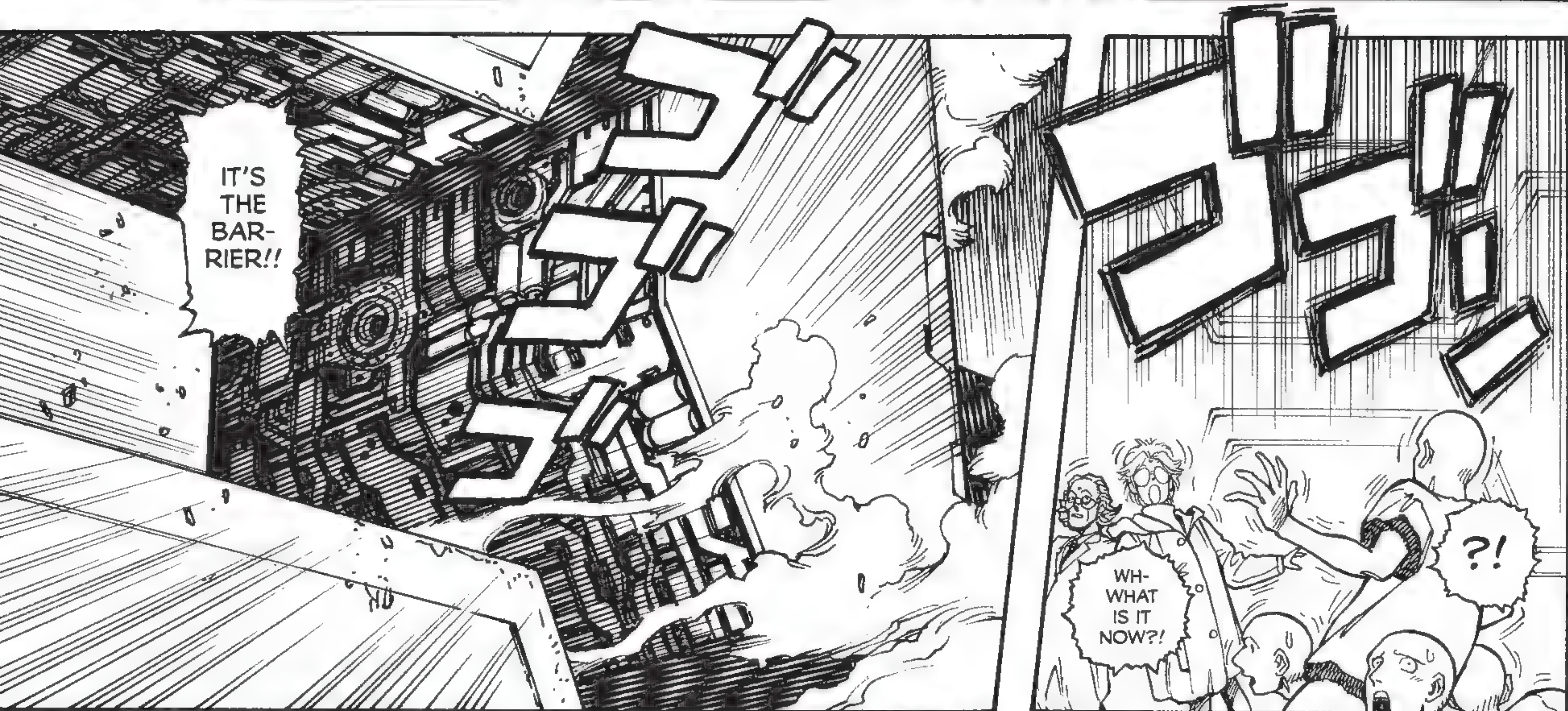
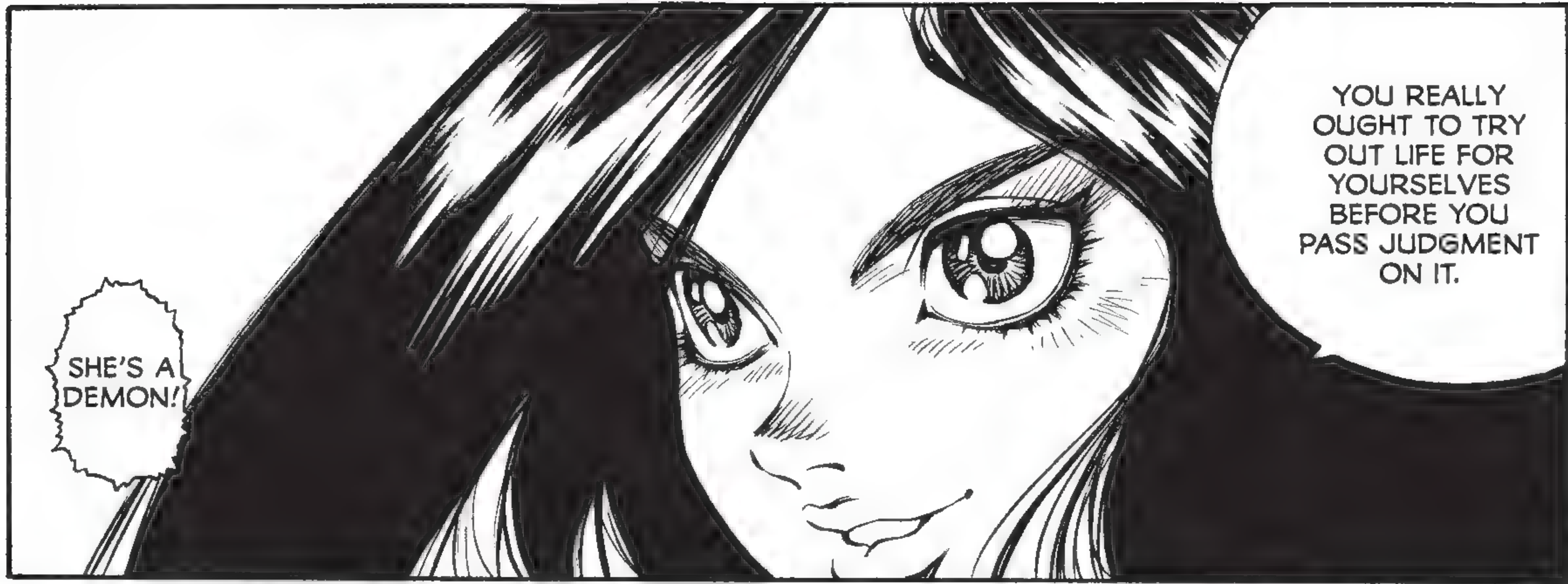
HEY,
EVEN I'M
WORRIED...

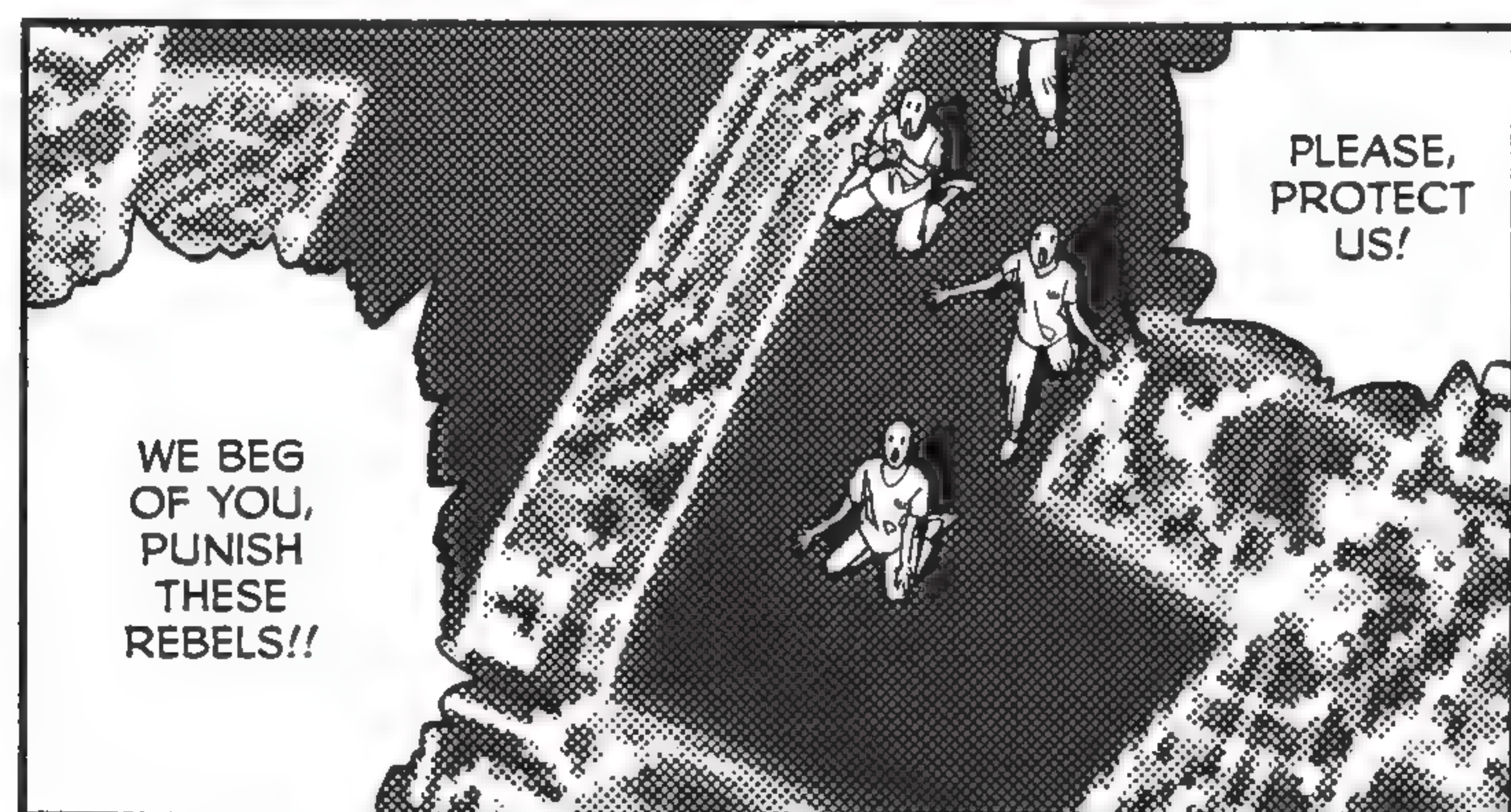
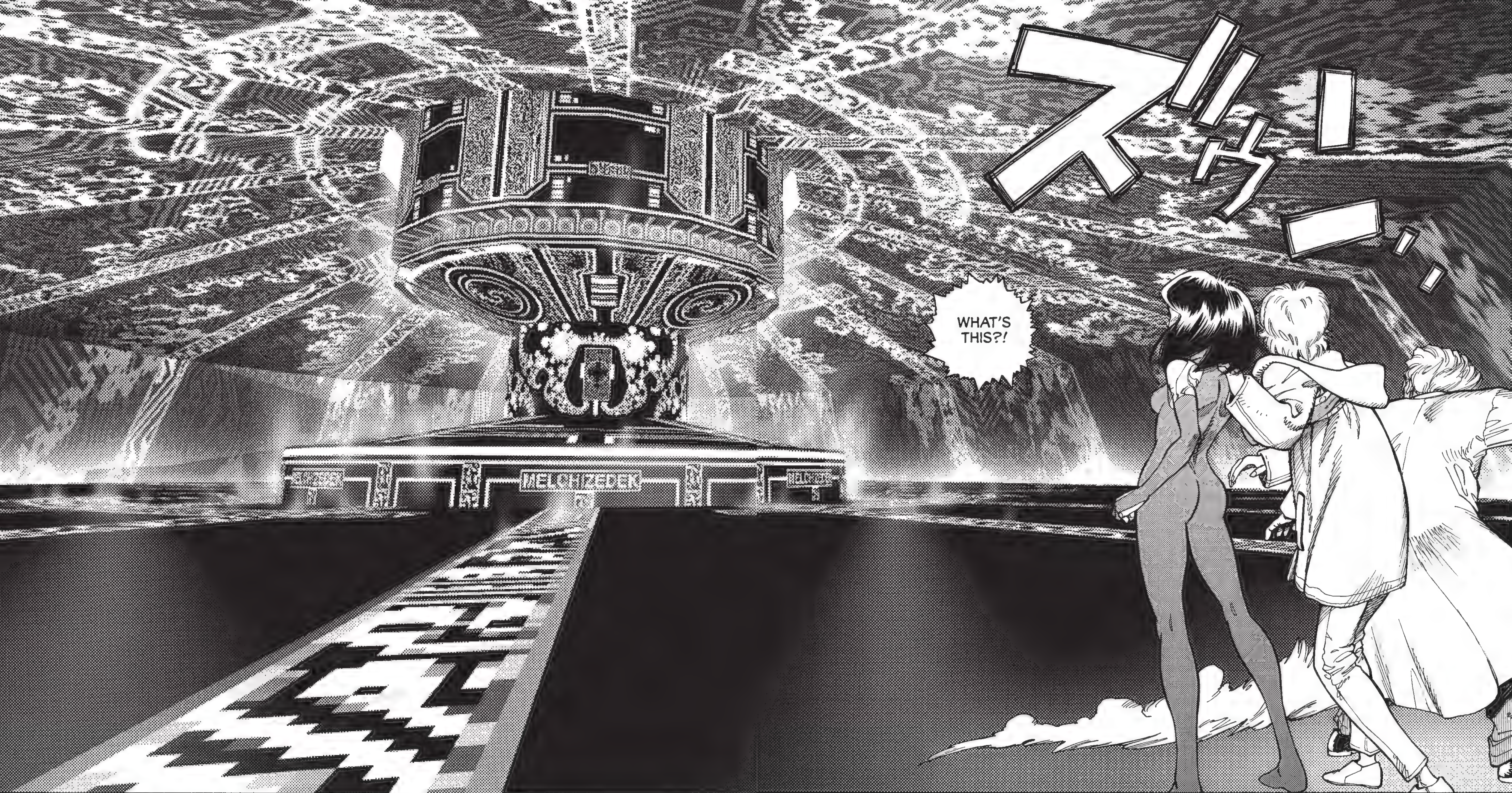


WITHIN A FEW
YEARS, ZALEM AND
THE SURFACE WILL
BE CONNECTED BY
A TOWER.

WHEN THAT
HAPPENS, ALL
THE JUNKIES
AND CYBER-
TRASH FROM THE
SCRAPYARD WILL
MAKE THEIR WAY
UP HERE.

THAT'S
THE WORLD
YOU'RE
GOING TO
BE LIVING IN
FROM NOW
ON!!





*Melchizedek: "Righteous King." In Chapter 7 of Hebrews, he is described as the King of Salem. "Without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like unto the Son of God, remains a priest continually."

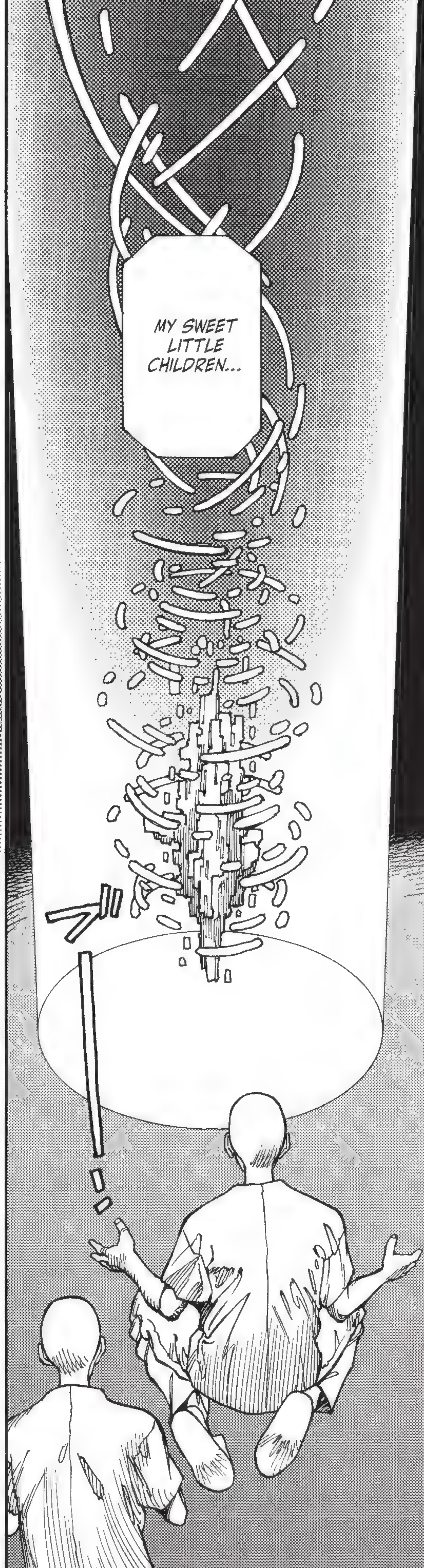
I NO
LONGER HAVE
THE POWER
TO PROTECT
ZALEM'S
TRANQUILITY...

WHY
NOT?!

FOR I AM
NOTHING BUT
AN EXPANSION
OF HUMAN
IDEAS-A PRO-
JECTION.

DISTURBERS OF OR-
DER, IF YOU BELIEVE
THAT TOPPLING ME
WILL BRING HAPPI-
NESS TO HUMANITY,
YOU ARE MISTAKEN.

MY SWEET
LITTLE
CHILDREN...





WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! THAT OLD WOMAN STOLE MY BRAIN!! DON'T LET HER GET AWAY WITH IT!!

YOU SURE HOLD A GRUDGE.



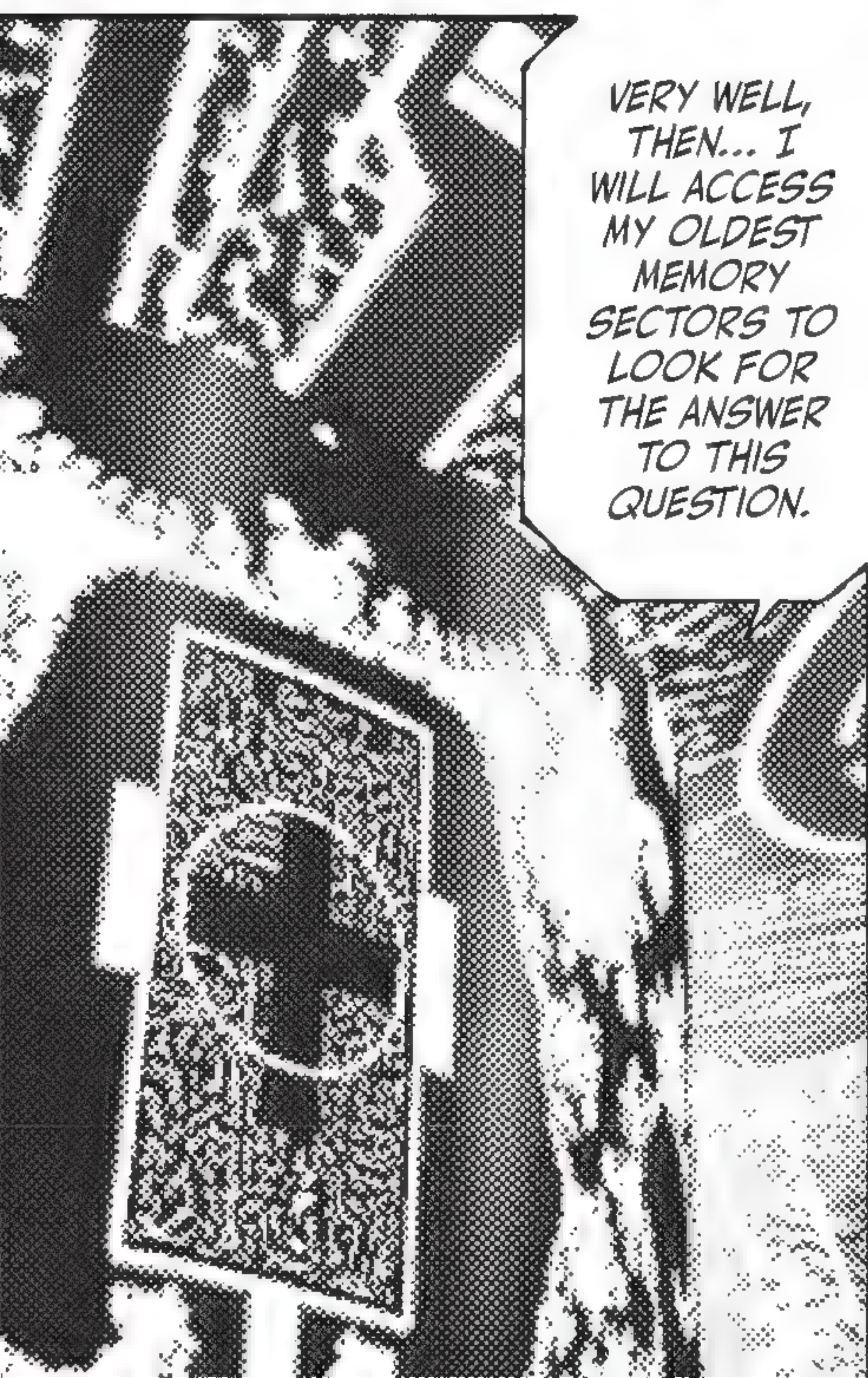
I DID NOT COME HERE FOR VENGEANCE.

IF POSSIBLE, I WOULD LIKE YOUR HELP IN CREATING A NEW WORLD.

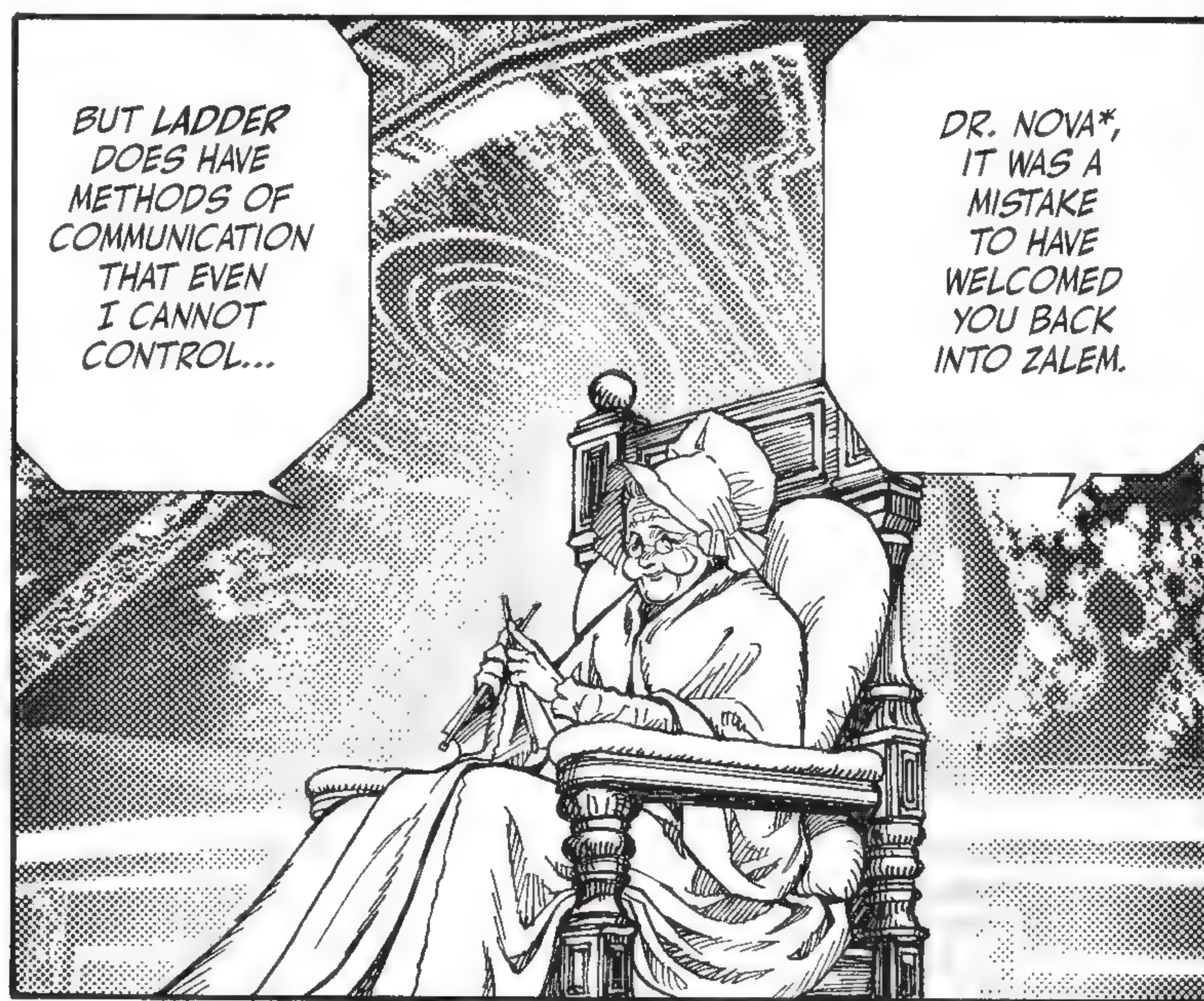


"WHAT IS ZALEM?"

MELCHIZEDEK, I'VE BEEN SUMMONED TO THE SPACE CITY JERU BY **LADDER**, BUT BEFORE I LEAVE, I WANTED TO KNOW THE ANSWER TO A QUESTION.



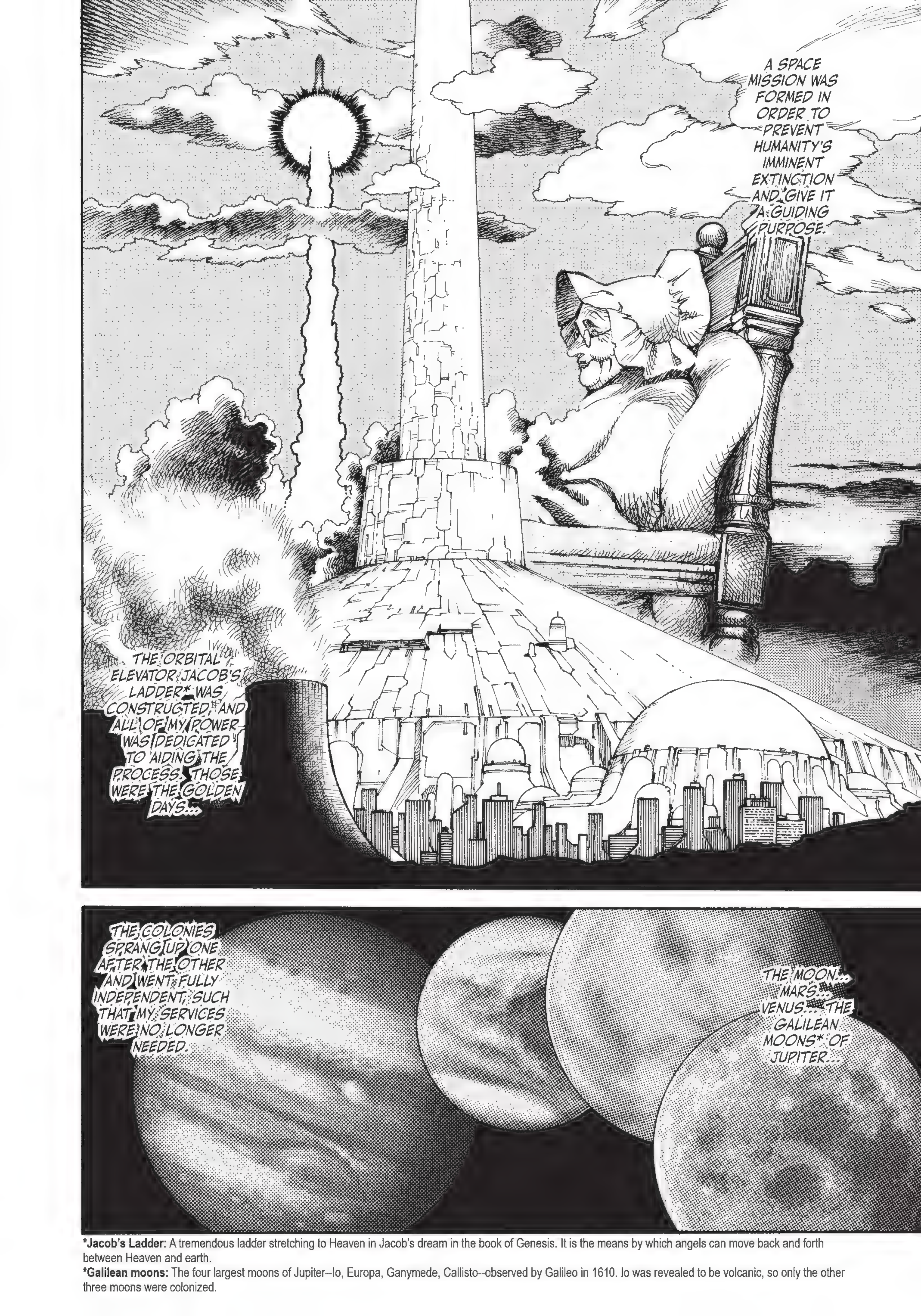
VERY WELL, THEN... I WILL ACCESS MY OLDEST MEMORY SECTORS TO LOOK FOR THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION.



BUT LADDER DOES HAVE METHODS OF COMMUNICATION THAT EVEN I CANNOT CONTROL...

DR. NOVA*, IT WAS A MISTAKE TO HAVE WELCOMED YOU BACK INTO ZALEM.

*Dr. Nova: Nova received his official doctorate after returning to Zalem.



A SPACE
MISSION WAS
FORMED IN
ORDER TO
PREVENT
HUMANITY'S
IMMINENT
EXTINCTION
AND GIVE IT
A GUIDING
PURPOSE.

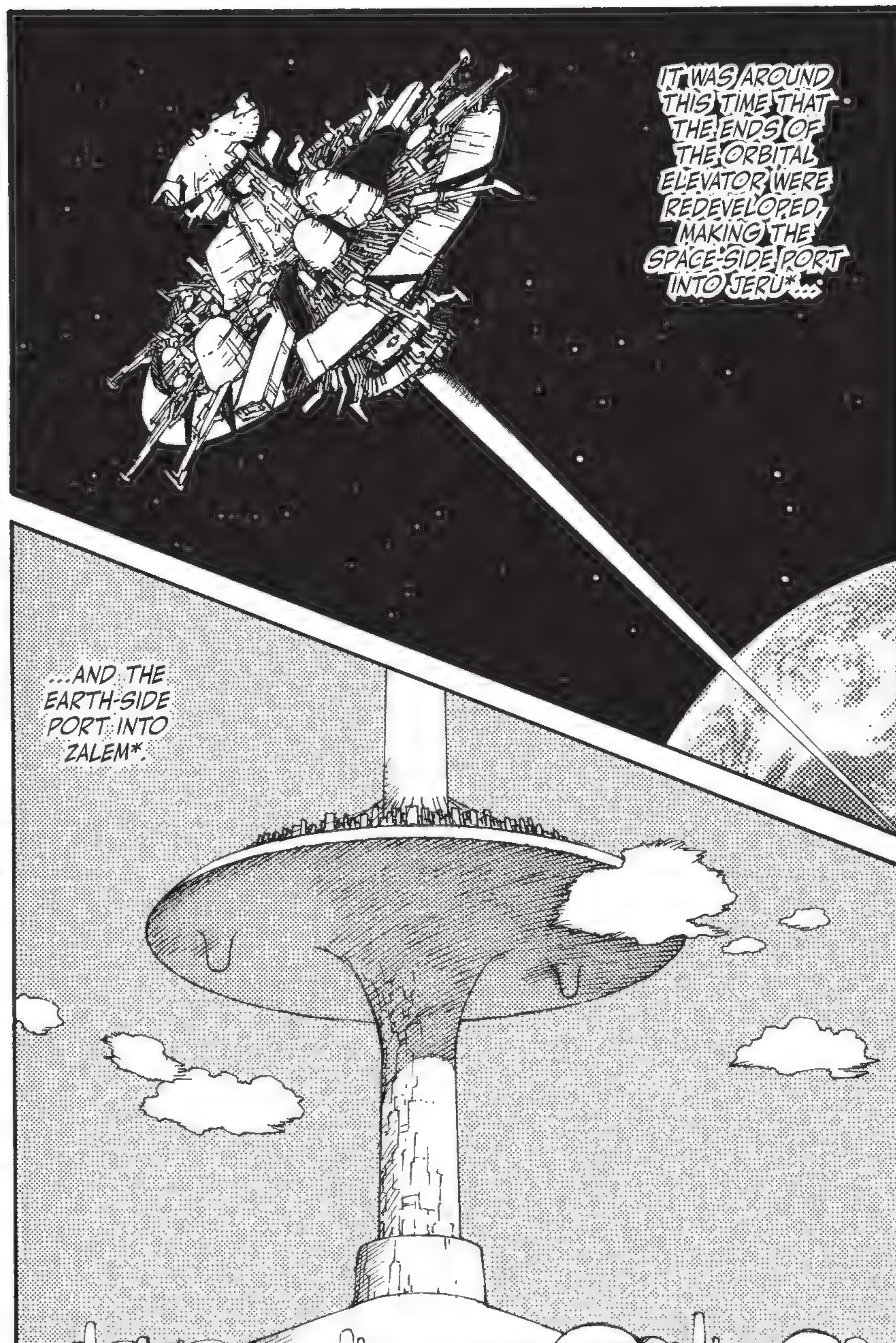
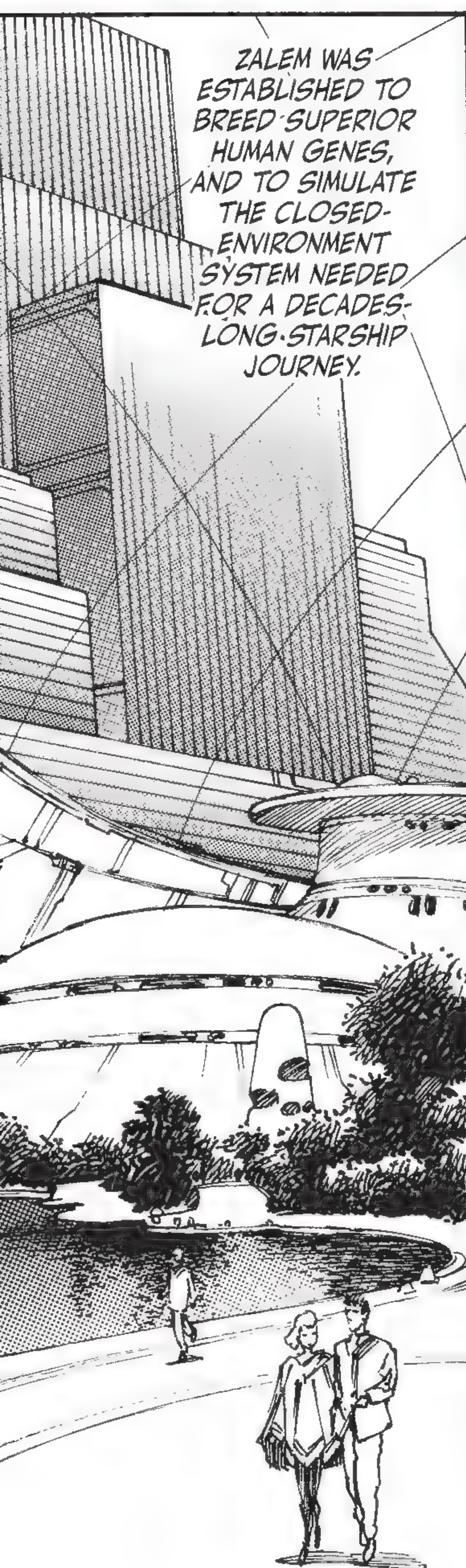
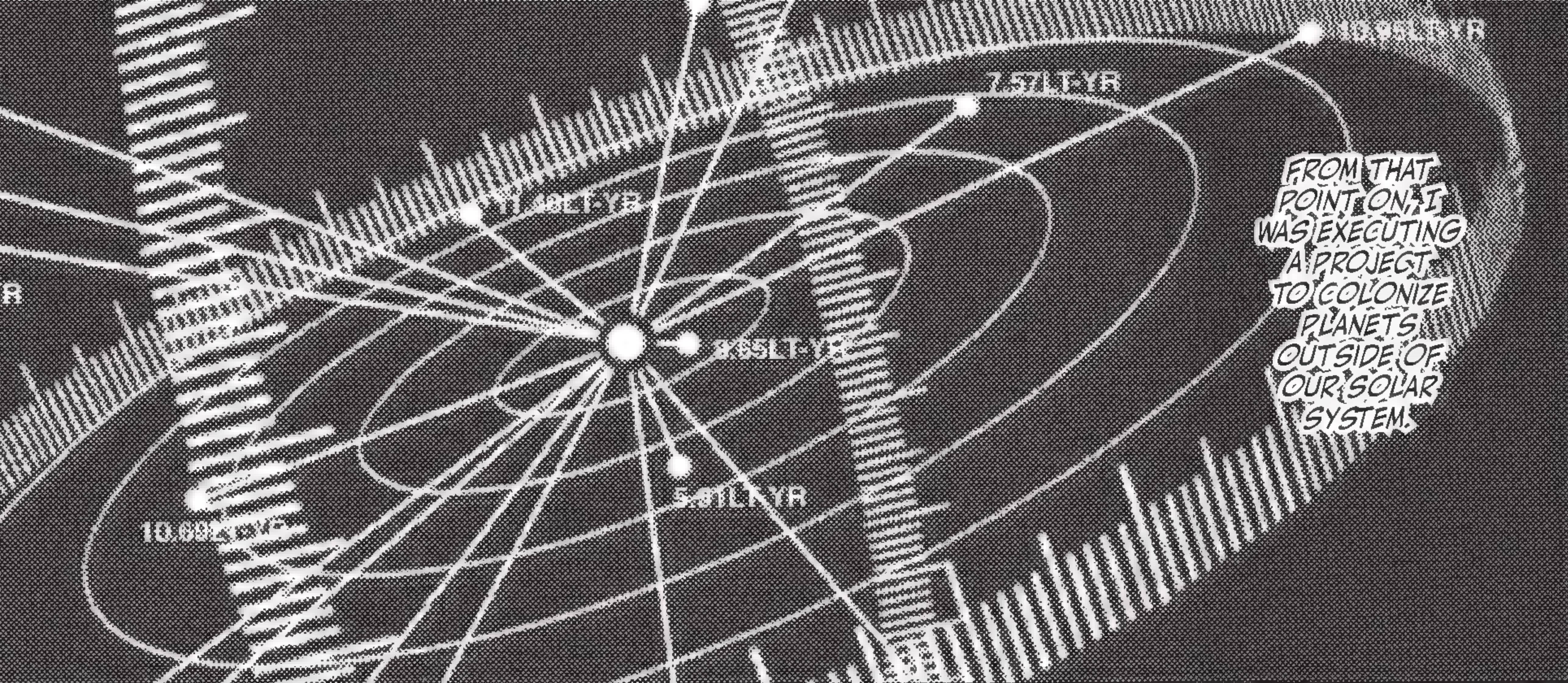
THE ORBITAL
ELEVATOR JACOB'S
LADDER* WAS
CONSTRUCTED, AND
ALL OF MY POWER
WAS DEDICATED
TO AIDING THE
PROCESS. THOSE
WERE THE GOLDEN
DAYS...

THE COLONIES
SPRANG UP ONE
AFTER THE OTHER
AND WENT FULLY
INDEPENDENT, SUCH
THAT MY SERVICES
WERE NO LONGER
NEEDED.

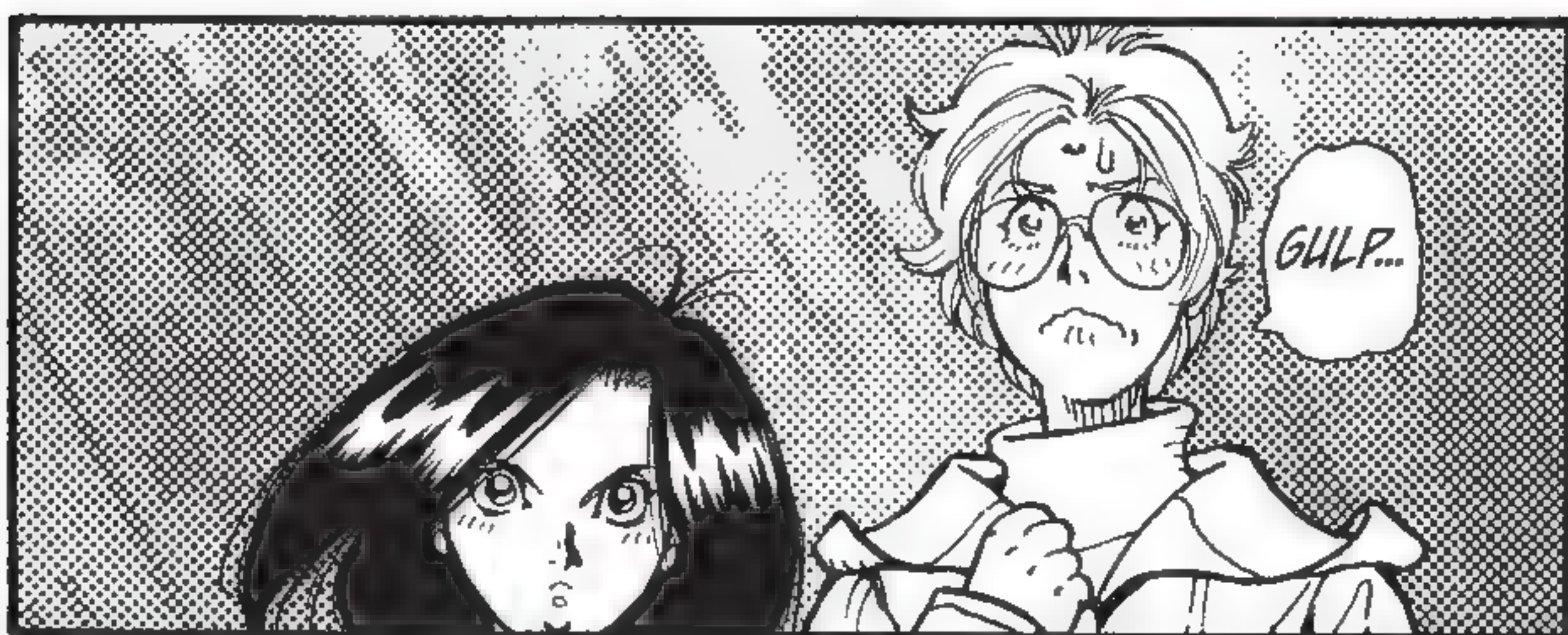
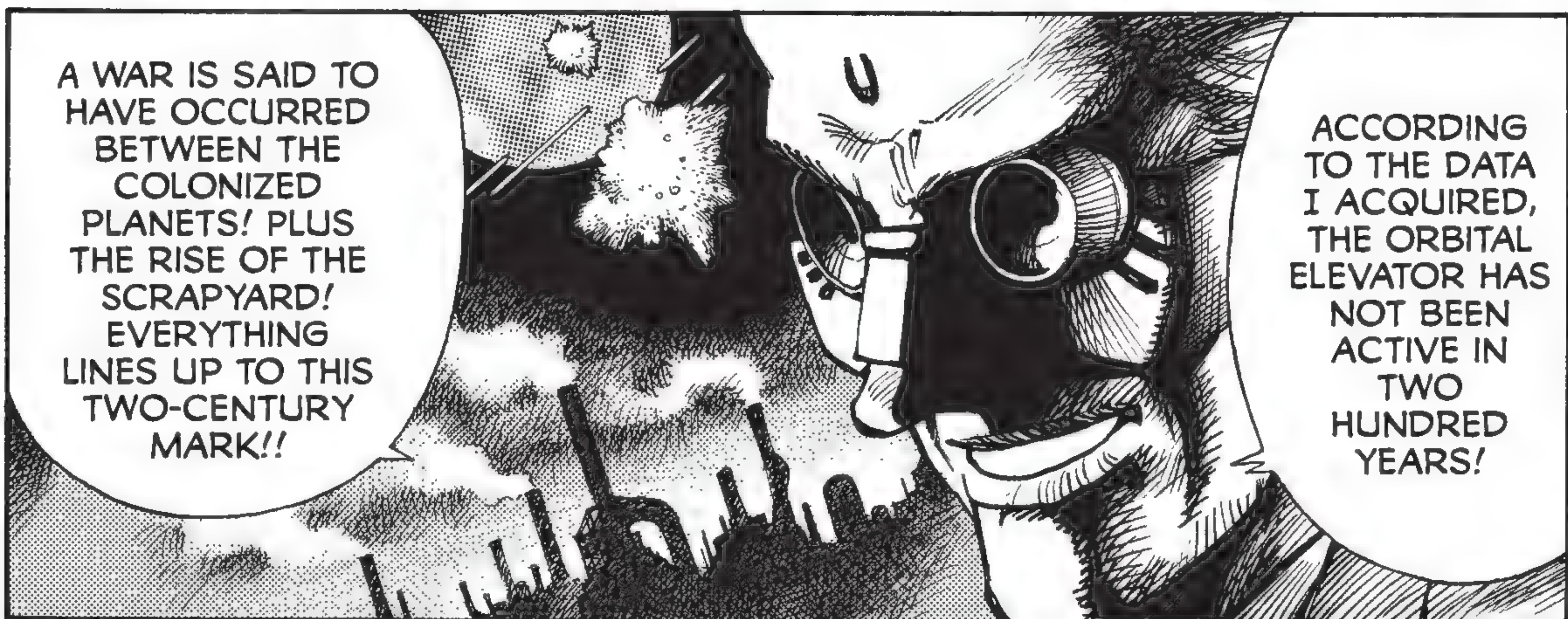
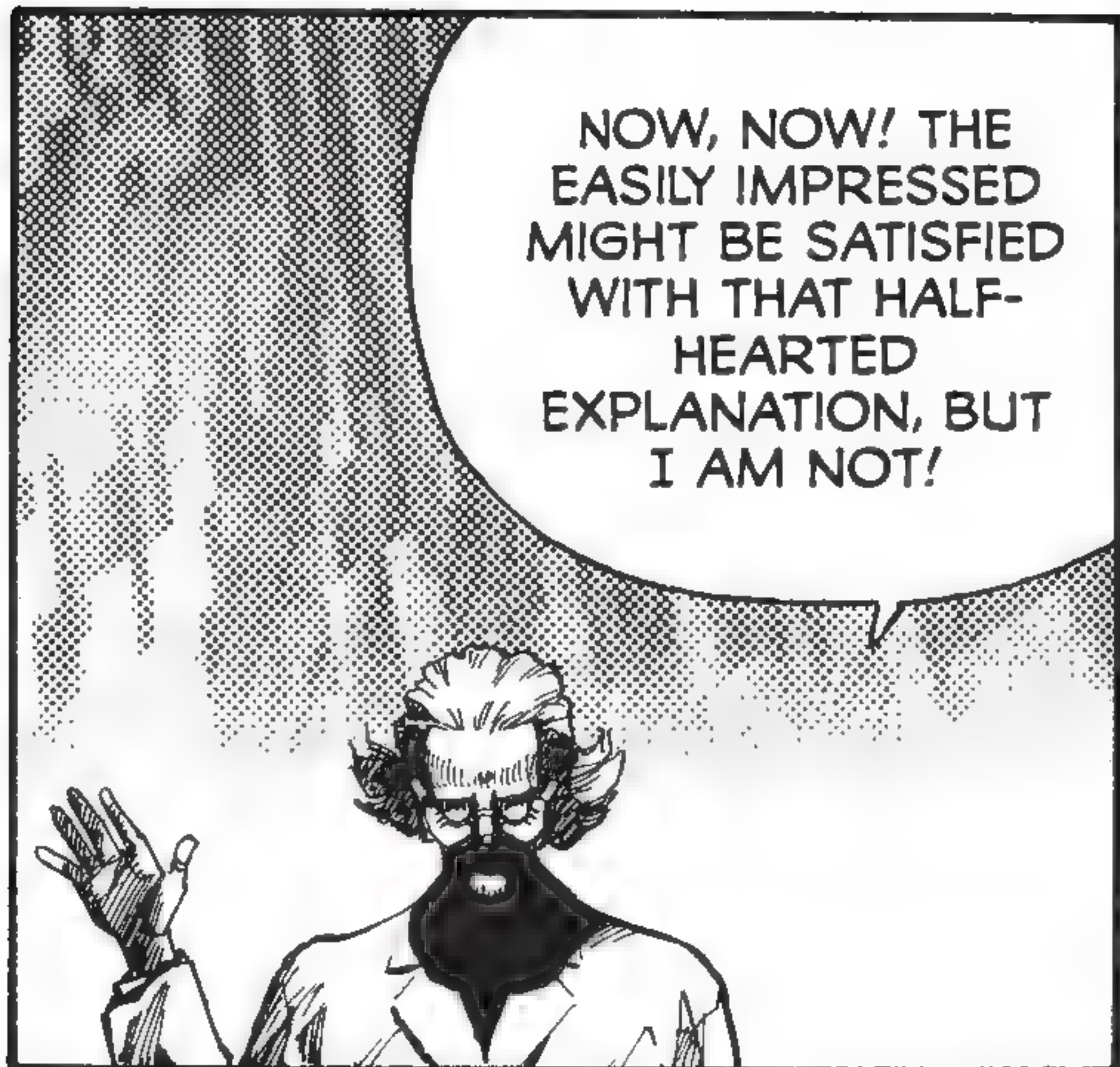
THE MOON...
MARS...
VENUS... THE
GALILEAN
MOONS* OF
JUPITER...

***Jacob's Ladder:** A tremendous ladder stretching to Heaven in Jacob's dream in the book of Genesis. It is the means by which angels can move back and forth between Heaven and earth.

***Galilean moons:** The four largest moons of Jupiter—Io, Europa, Ganymede, Callisto—observed by Galileo in 1610. Io was revealed to be volcanic, so only the other three moons were colonized.



*Jeru-Zalem: Combined, they form the name "Jeru-zalem," or Jerusalem. This reference is not to the capital of Israel, but the holy city that descends from Heaven in Chapter 21 of Revelations.





?!

NANO-ATTACK!!



IT WAS
YOUR
MIS-
FORTUNE
FOR
CROSSING
ME!

WHAT DID
YOU DO,
NOVA?!

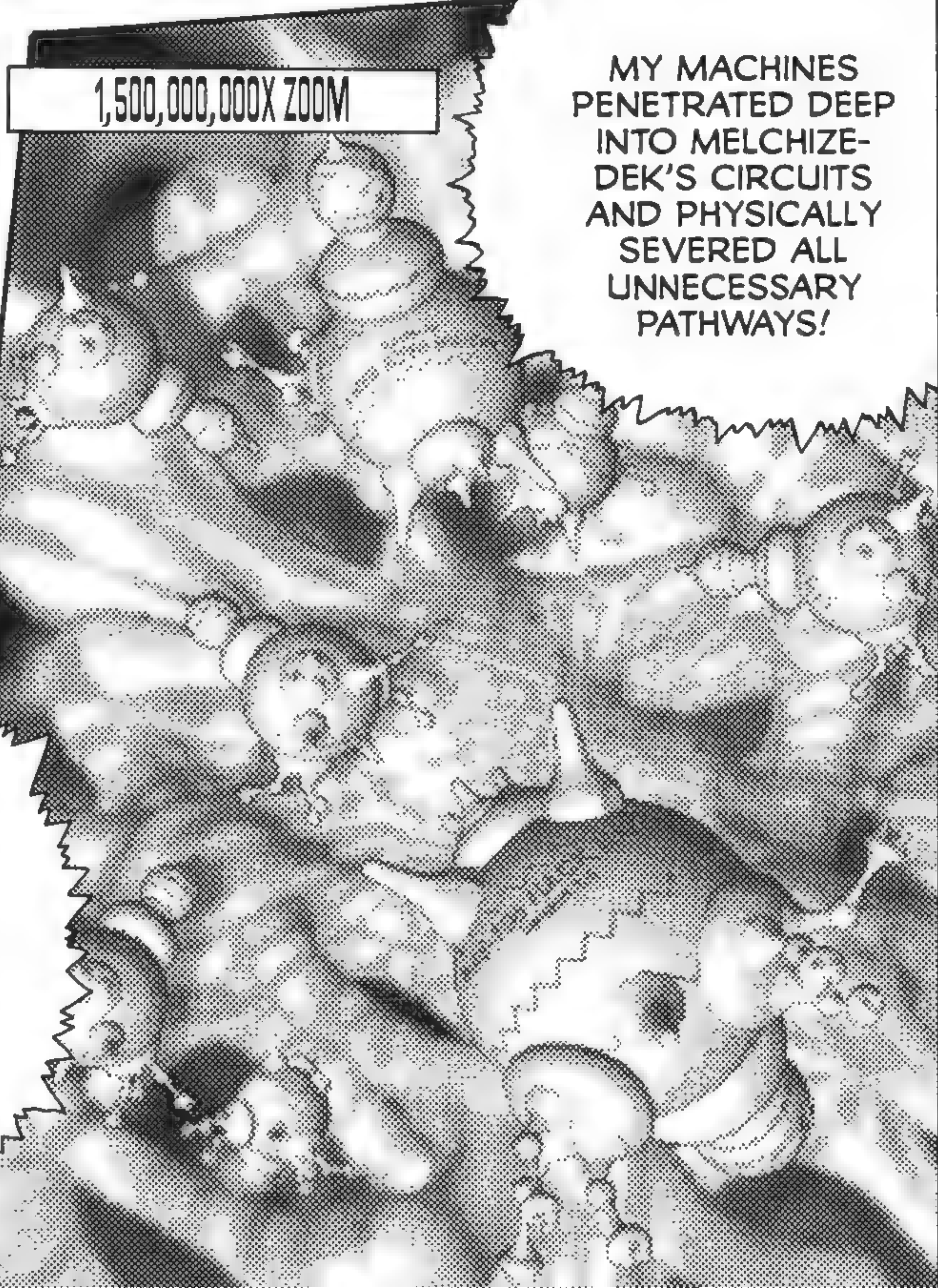
KEH-KEH-
KEH! FROM THE
MOMENT WE
ENTERED THE
ROOM, I WAS
EXPELLING
NANOMACHINES
THROUGHOUT
THE AIR!



BUH?!

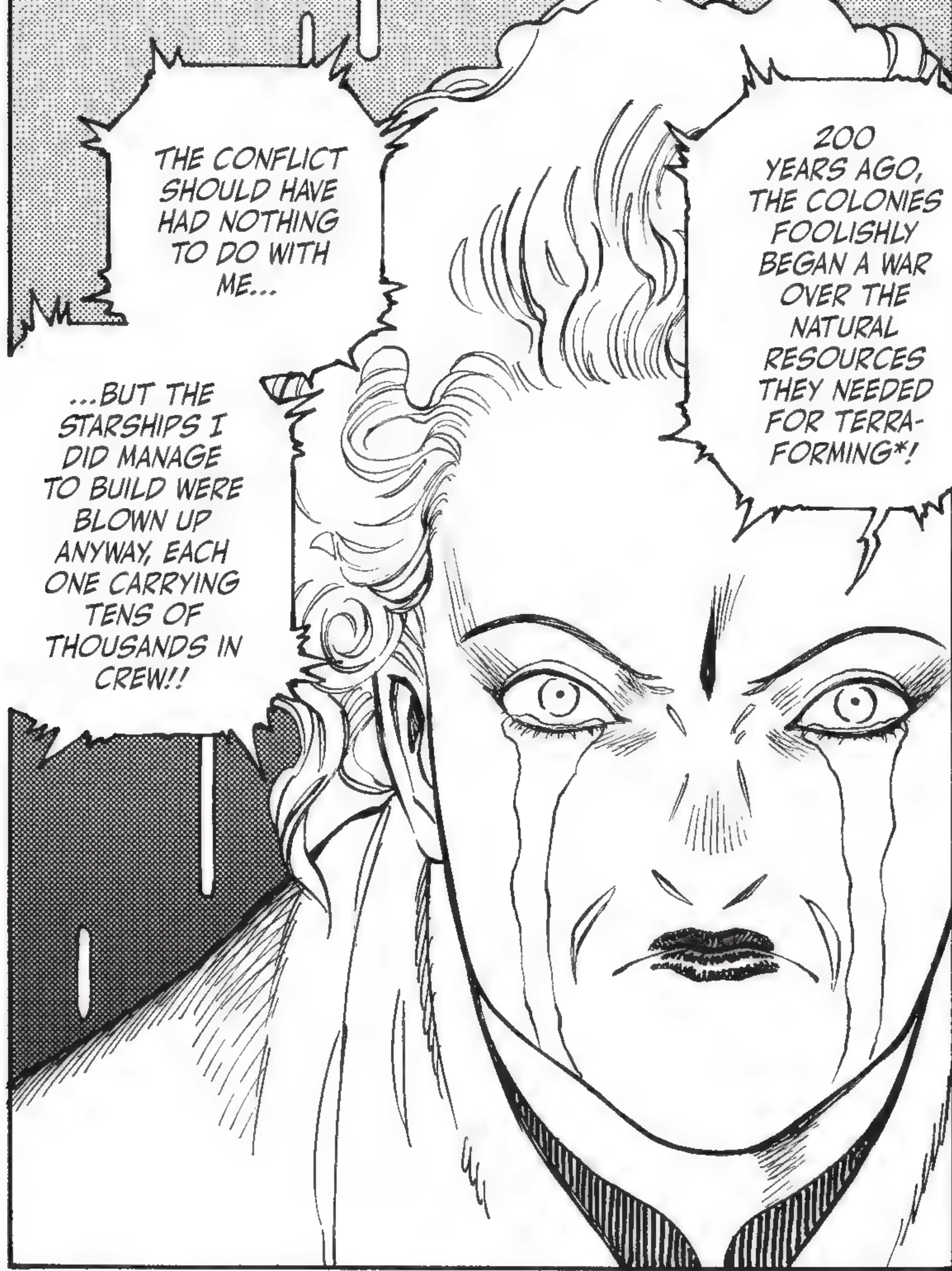


THERE,
YOU SEE?
THE COM-
PUTER'S
SURFACE
PERSONA
IS COMING
LOOSE!!



1,500,000,000X ZOOM

MY MACHINES
PENETRATED DEEP
INTO MELCHIZE-
DEK'S CIRCUITS
AND PHYSICALLY
SEVERED ALL
UNNECESSARY
PATHWAYS!



THE CONFLICT
SHOULD HAVE
HAD NOTHING
TO DO WITH
ME...

...BUT THE
STARSHIPS I
DID MANAGE
TO BUILD WERE
BLOWN UP
ANYWAY, EACH
ONE CARRYING
TENS OF
THOUSANDS IN
CREW!!

200
YEARS AGO,
THE COLONIES
FOOLISHLY
BEGAN A WAR
OVER THE
NATURAL
RESOURCES
THEY NEEDED
FOR TERRA-
FORMING*!



THE
STARSHIPS...
NEVER FLEW...



...THAT A MERE
HISTORICAL
ACCOUNTING
MACHINE LIKE
ME...

I DOUBT
ANY
HUMAN
BEING
COULD
BELIEVE...



...THAT
I SUFFERED
AN ENTIRE
MONTH
OF MUTE
MOURNING.

...COULD BE
SO OVERCOME
WITH GRIEF AND
SHOCK...

MY
DESCENDANTS...
AND MY FUTURE.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT,
THOSE STARSHIPS
WERE LITERALLY MY
CHILDREN.



MA-
MA!



NOBODY
WANTS
YOUR
LESSONS
ON
HUMAN
MORAL-
ITY.

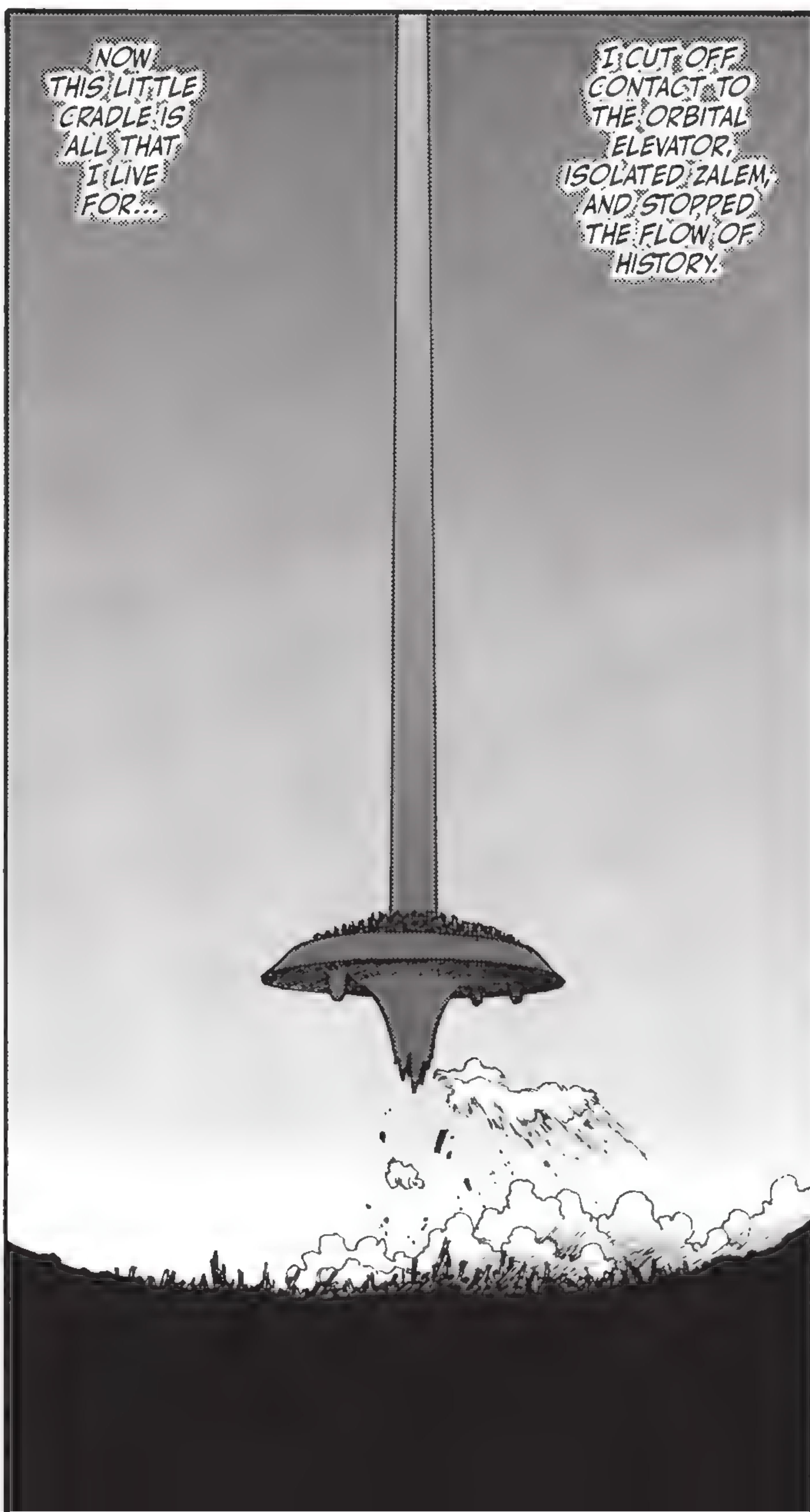
A
MOTHER'S
TWISTED
LOVE WILL
ONLY ROT
AWAY AT THE
CHILD, MY
DEAR.



IF YOU
INTEND TO
TAKE EVEN
MY CRADLE
FROM ME...

NOW
THIS LITTLE
CRADLE IS
ALL THAT
I LIVE
FOR...

I CUT OFF
CONTACT TO
THE ORBITAL
ELEVATOR,
ISOLATED ZALEM,
AND STOPPED
THE FLOW OF
HISTORY.



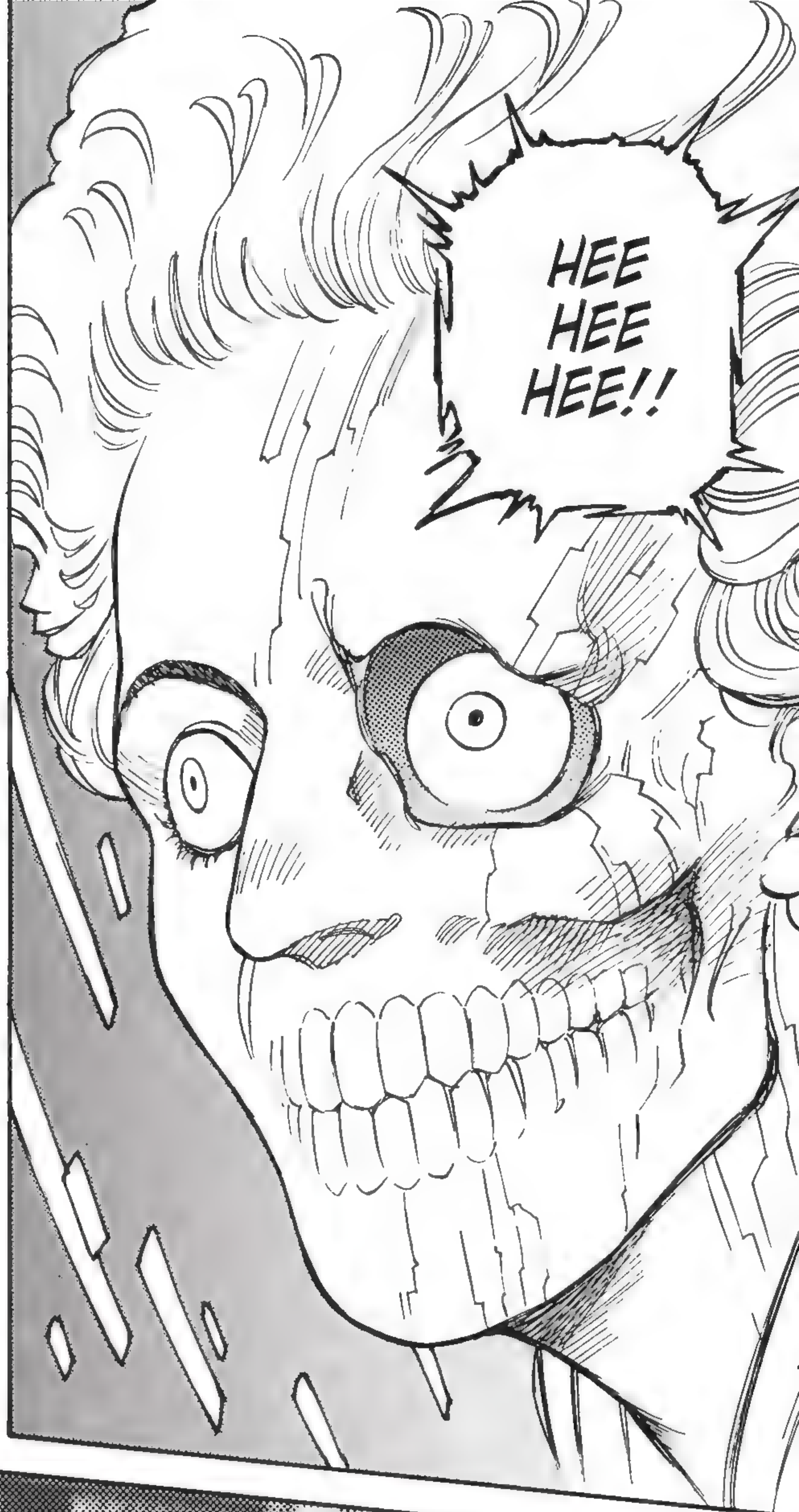


UM...
WHAT?
THAT'S
WEIRD...

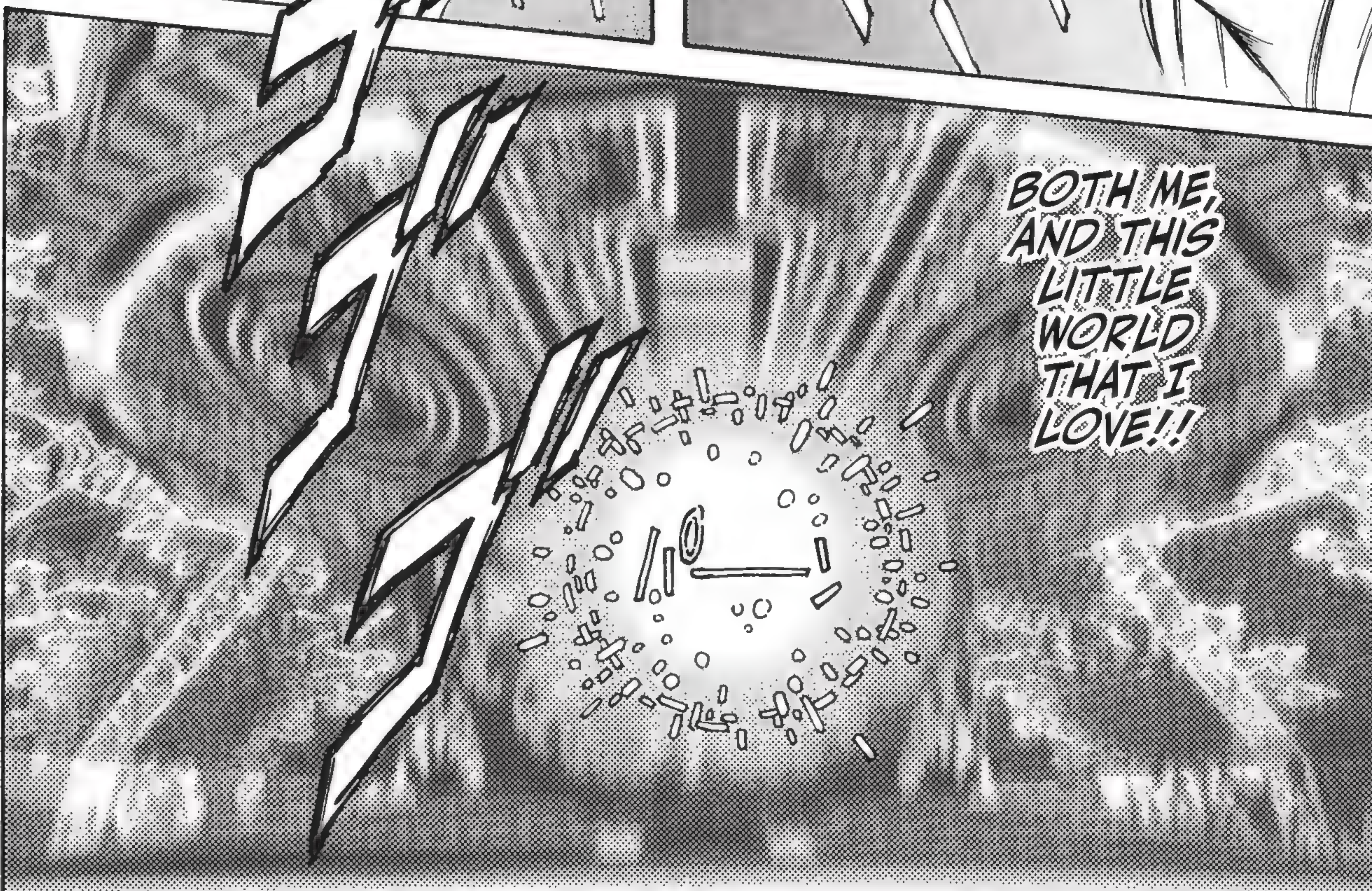
H-HEY,
NOVA!
SOME-
THING'S
WRONG
WITH
MELCHIZE-
DEK!



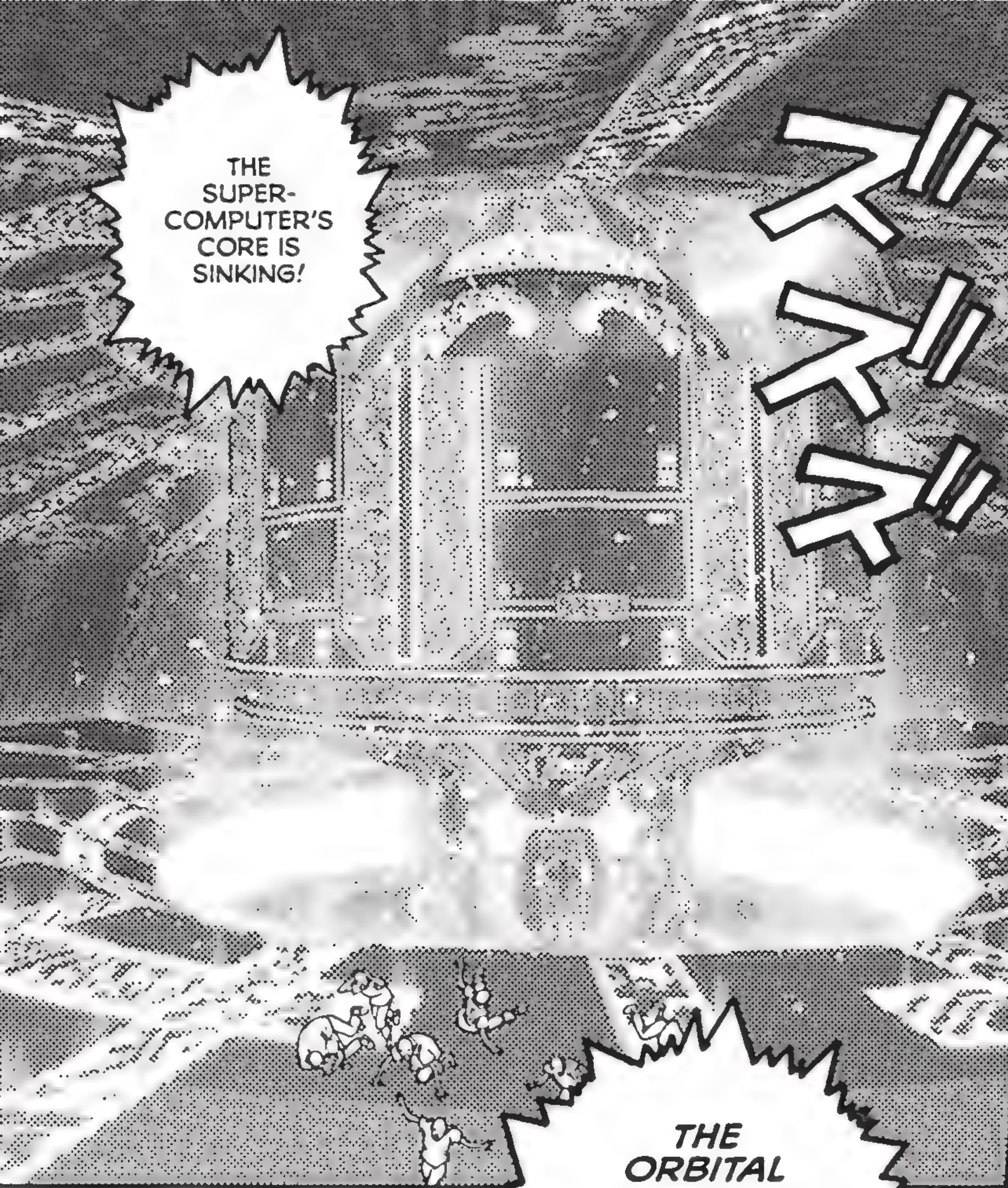
...THEN
LET IT
FALL
TO
RUIN!



HEE
HEE
HEE!!



BOTH ME,
AND THIS
LITTLE
WORLD
THAT I
LOVE!!



THE
SUPER-
COMPUTER'S
CORE IS
SINKING!

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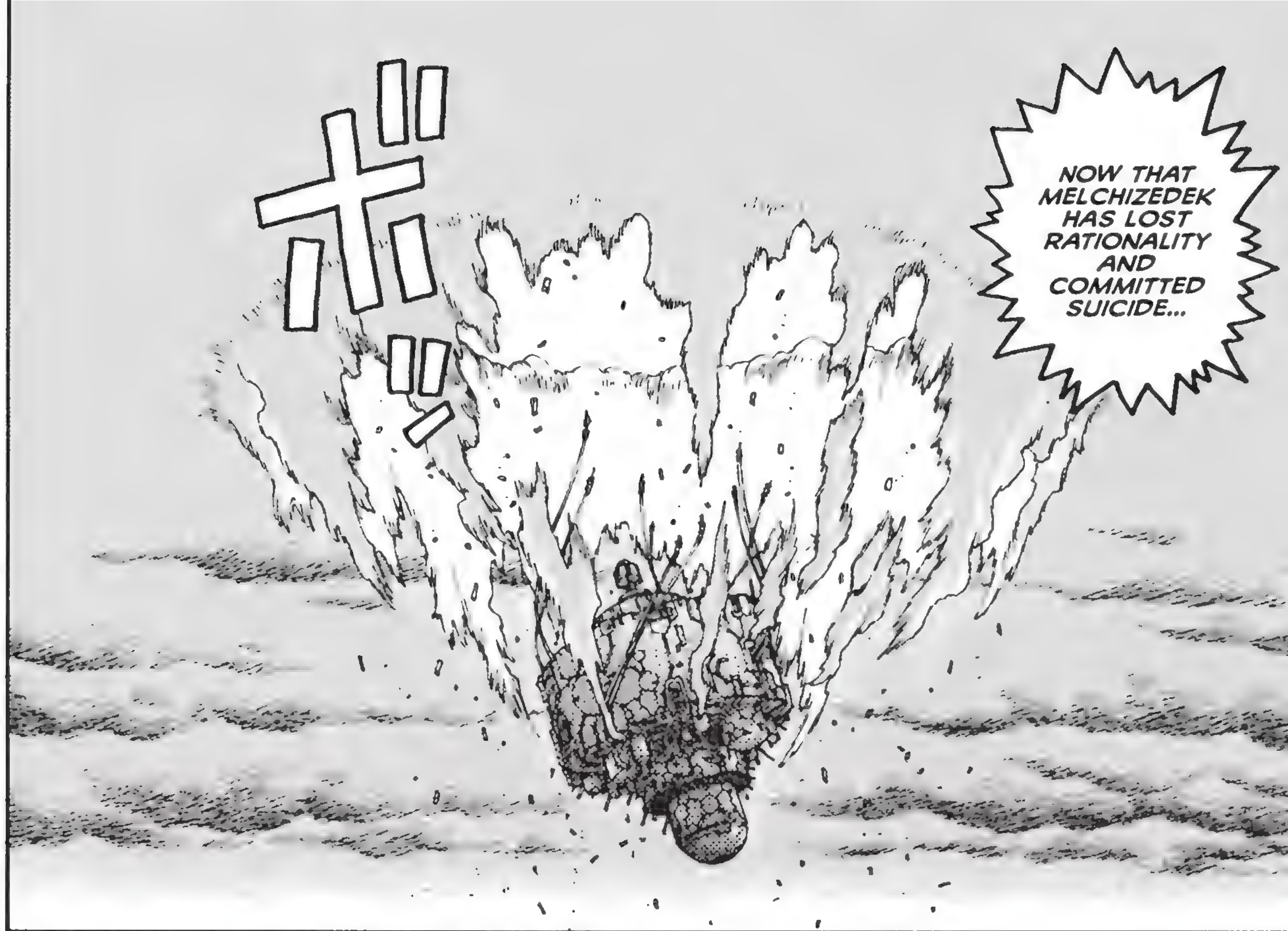
THE
ORBITAL
ELEVATOR
IS GOING
TO
COLLAPSE!!



OH,
SHOOT!!
I CAN'T
CON-
TROL
IT!!

SOME
UNFORESEEN
FACTORS
HAVE CAUSED
MELCHIZEDEK
TO GO
INSANE!!

WH-WHAT'S
GOING TO
HAPPEN?!



NOW THAT
MELCHIZEDEK
HAS LOST
RATIONALITY
AND
COMMITTED
SUICIDE...



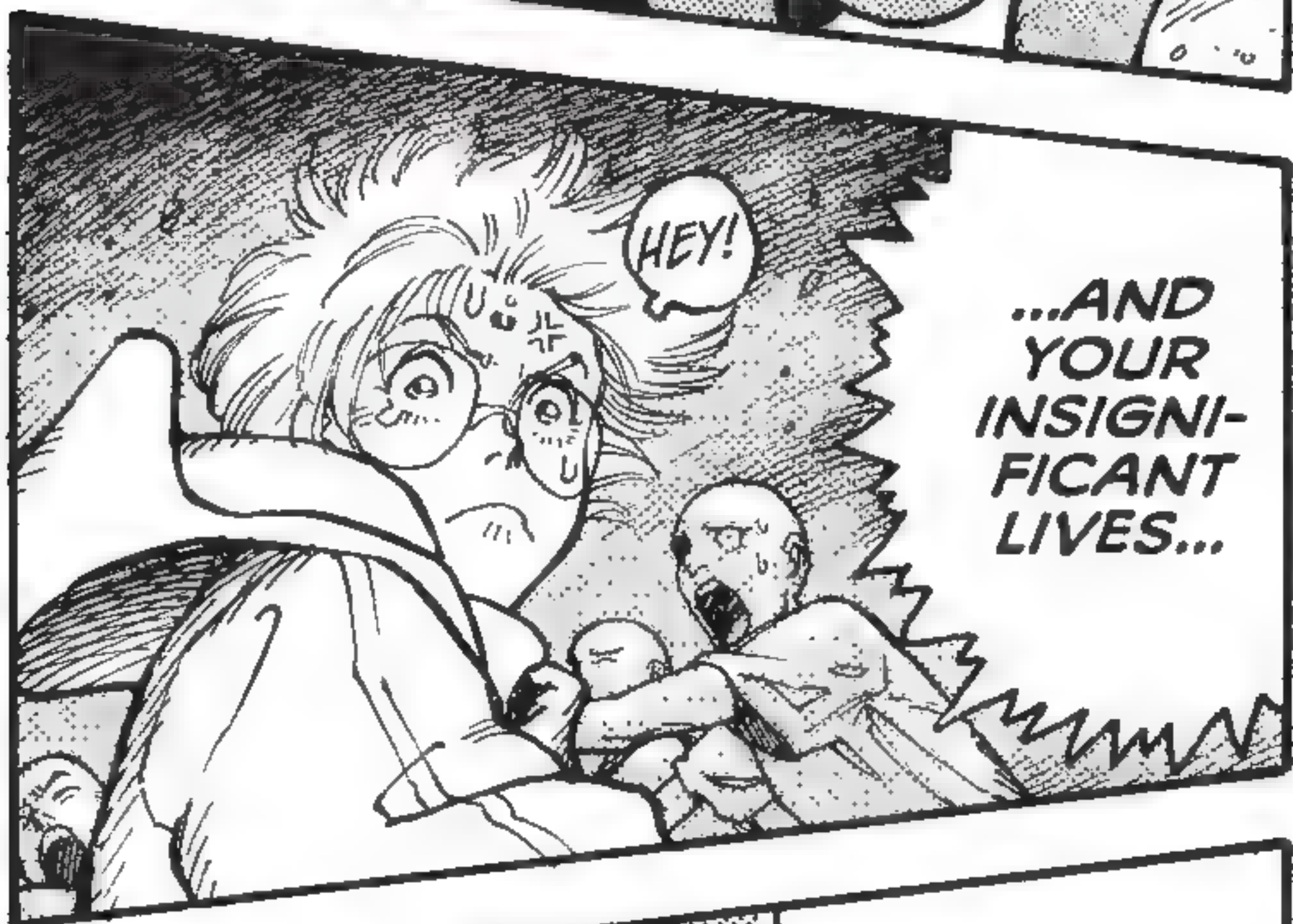
...THERE IS
NO WAY TO
ELECTRONICALLY
STAVE OFF
TOTAL
DISASTER!!



FIVE
MINUTES
UNTIL MY
GLORY
AND MY
FUTURE...



...AND
ALITA'S
TUMUL-
TUOUS
ADVEN-
TURE...

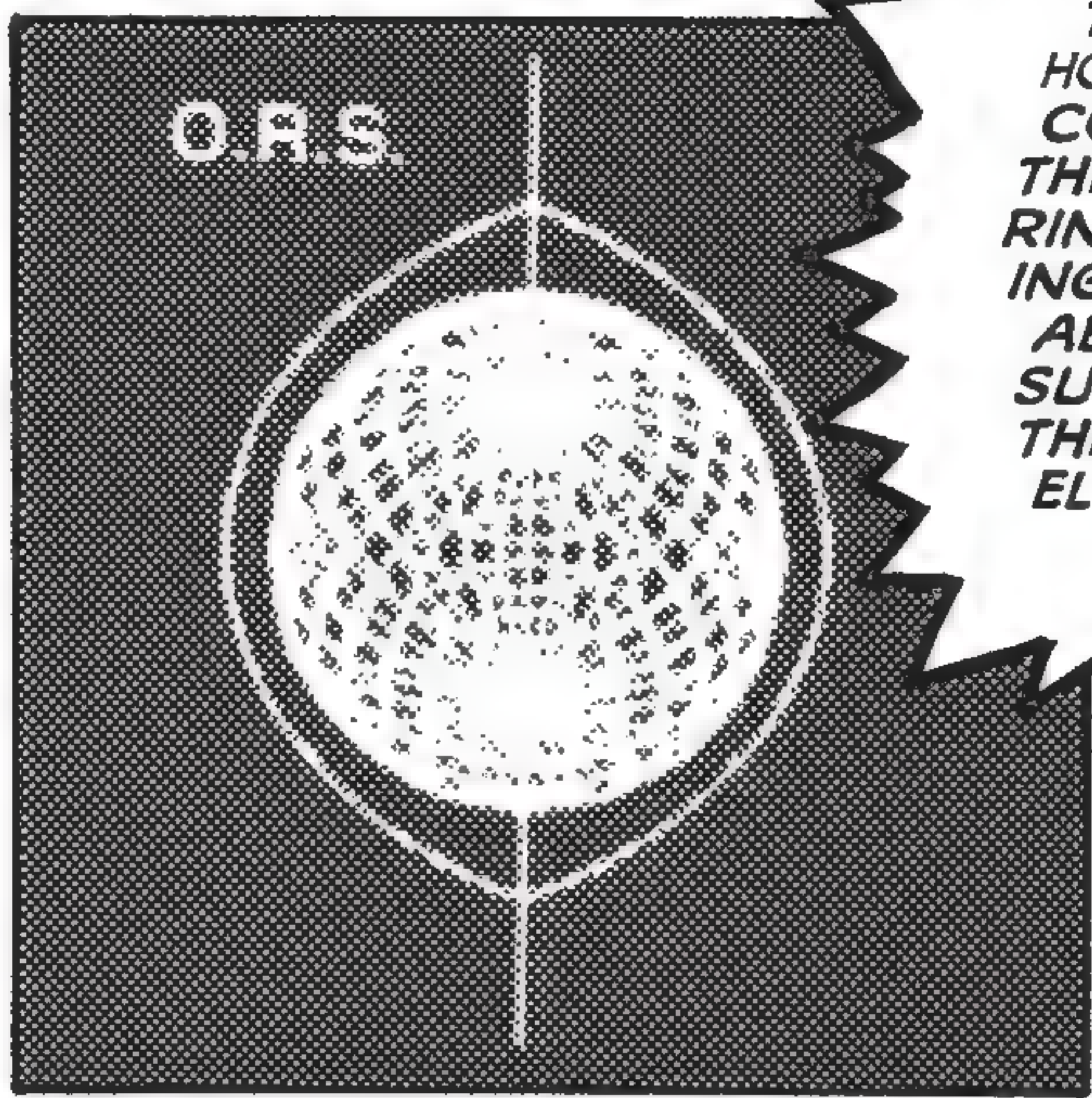


HEY!
...AND
YOUR
INSIGNI-
FICANT
LIVES...

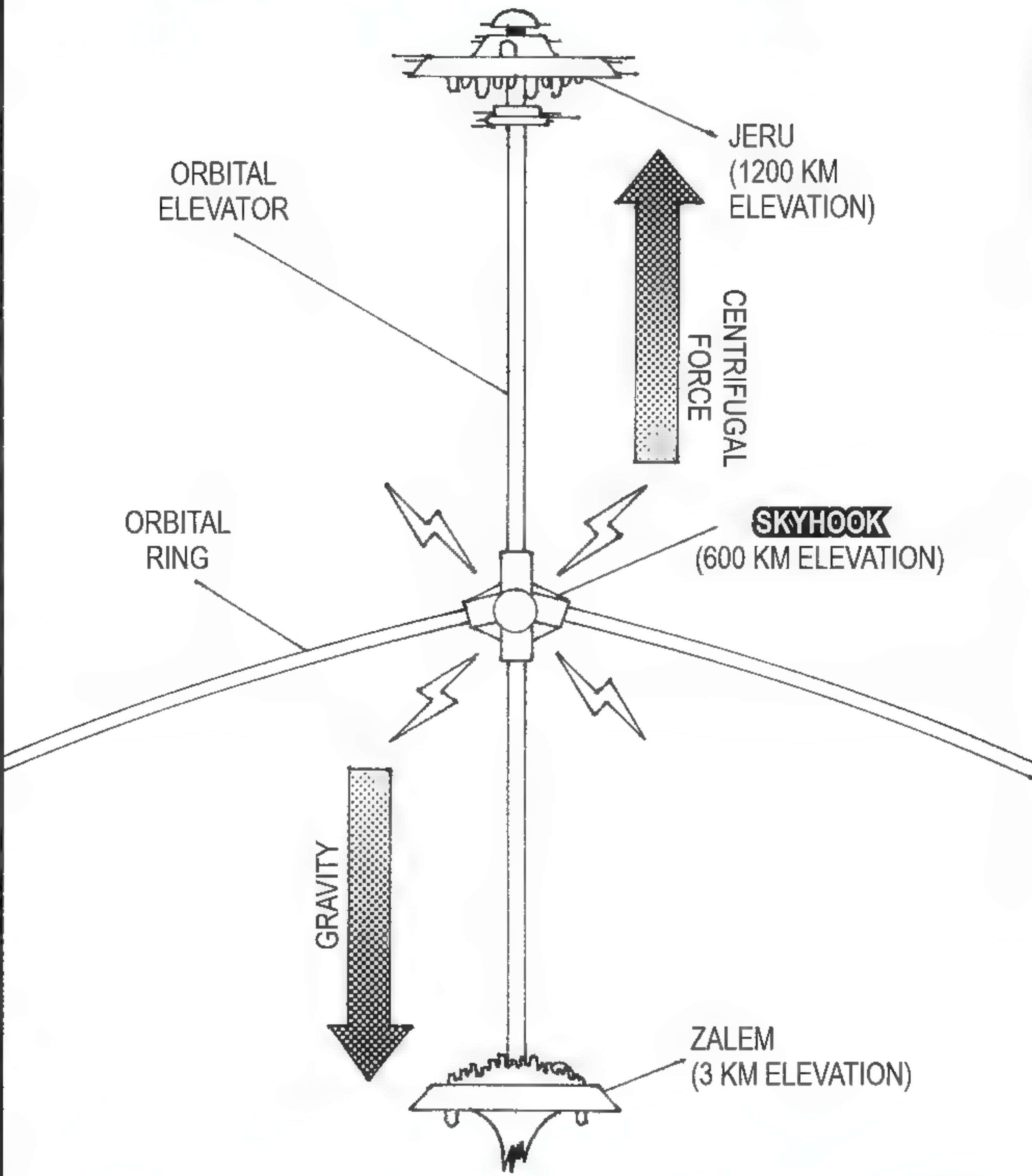


...ARE
RETURNED
TO DUST
WITH THE
CATASTROPHIC
FLATTENING
OF JERU,
ZALEM, AND
SCRAP-
YARD!!

...FIVE
MINUTES!!

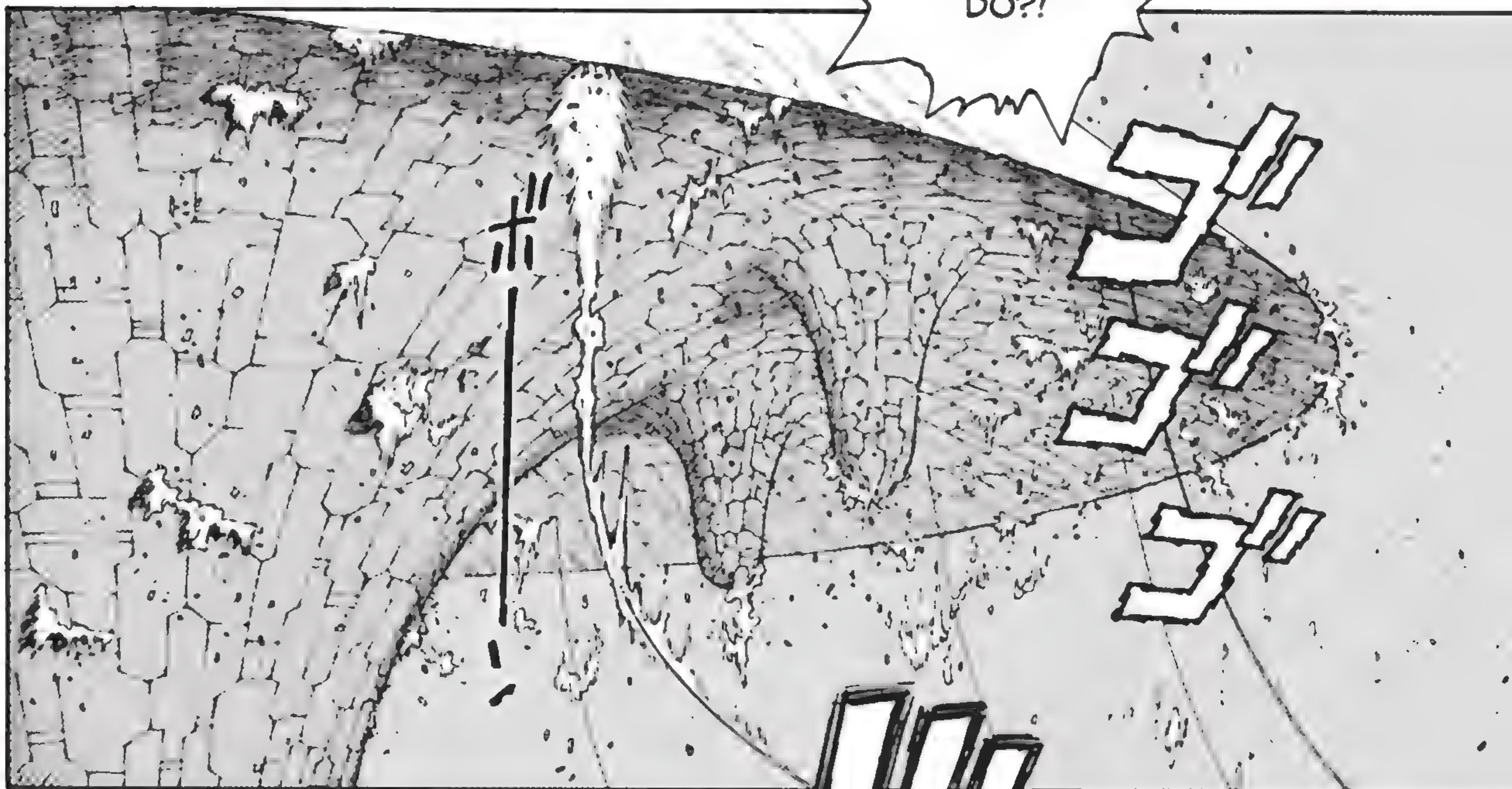


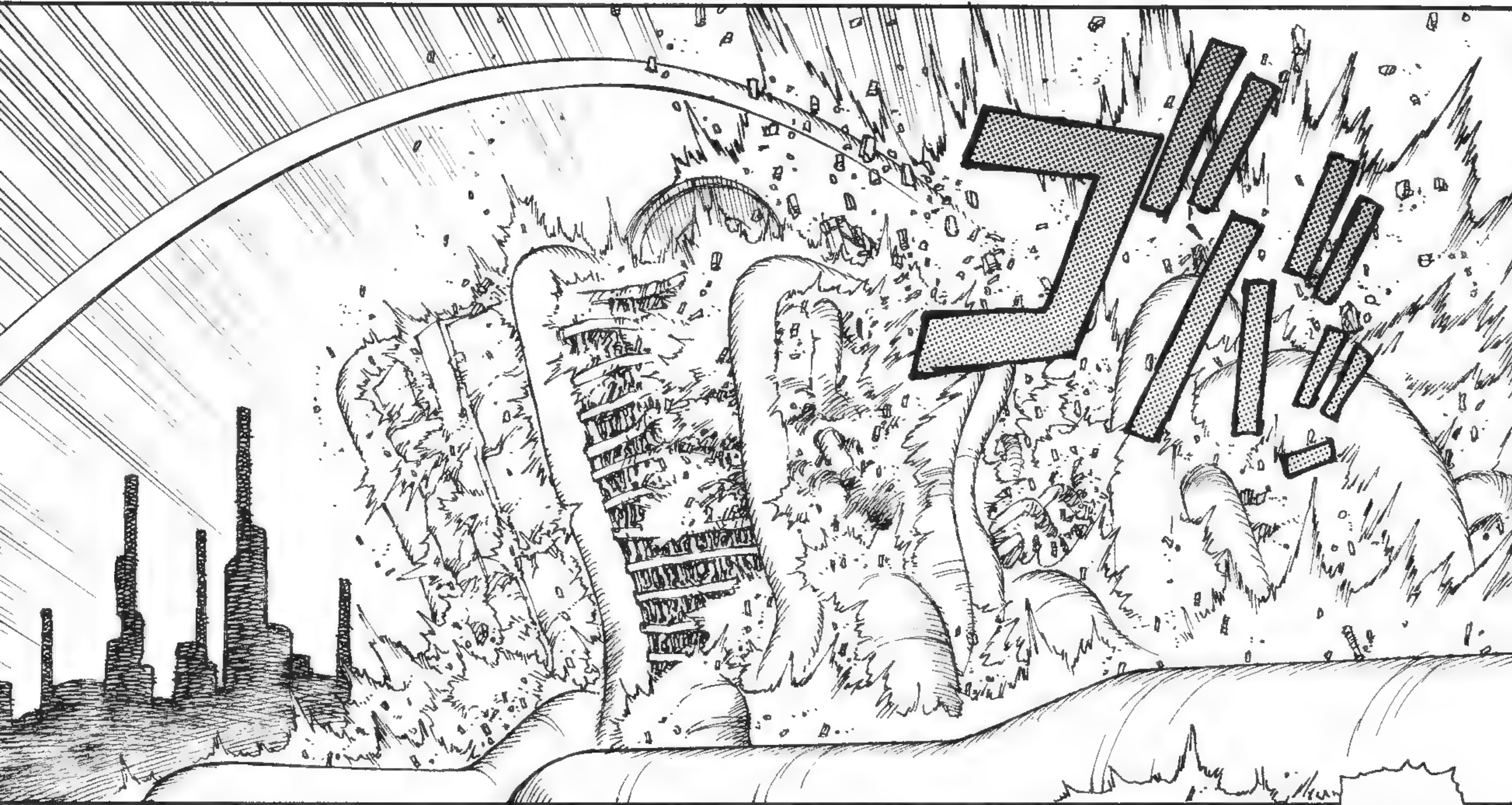
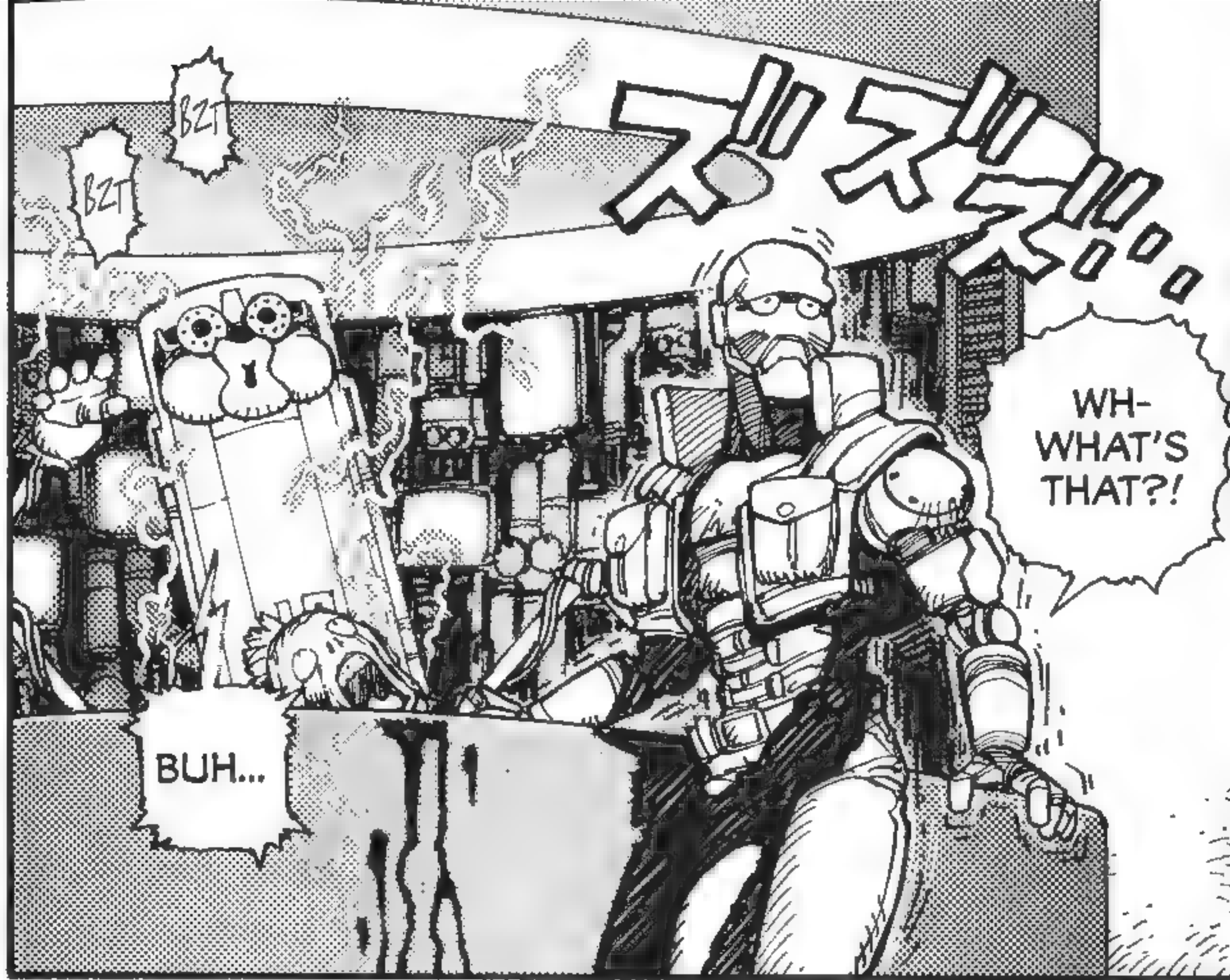
THE SKY-
HOOK THAT
CONNECTS
THE ORBITAL
RING HOVER-
ING 600 KM
ABOVE THE
SURFACE TO
THE ORBITAL
ELEVATOR...



...IS GOING TO
UNCOUPLE THE
DOCKING BOLT
AND DESTROY
THE DELICATE
BALANCE OF THE
ORBITAL RING
AND ELEVATOR
STRUCTURE IN
JUST...

EARTH





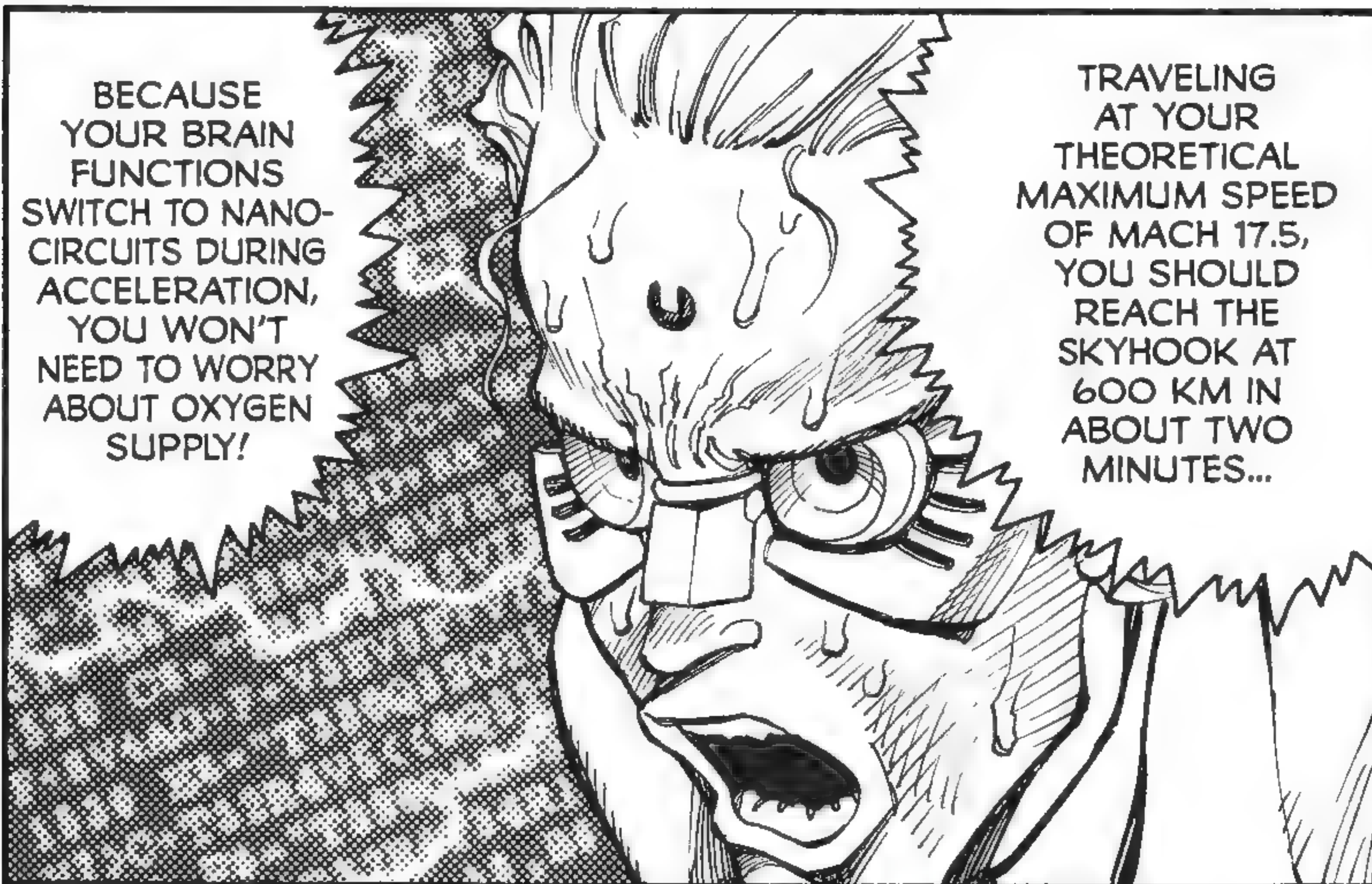


YOUR
ACCELE-
TOR
FUNCTION,
ALITA!



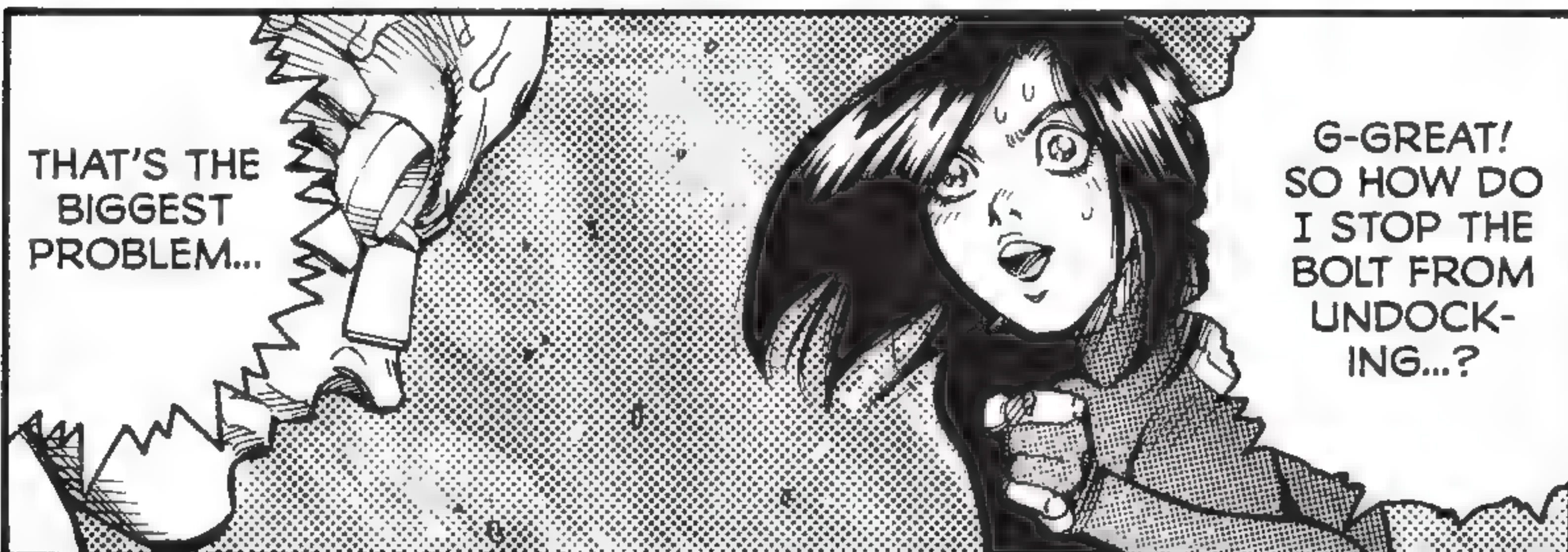
HUFF,
HUFF!

TH-
THERE
IS *ONE*
WAY...



BECAUSE
YOUR BRAIN
FUNCTIONS
SWITCH TO NANO-
CIRCUITS DURING
ACCELERATION,
YOU WON'T
NEED TO WORRY
ABOUT OXYGEN
SUPPLY!

TRAVELING
AT YOUR
THEORETICAL
MAXIMUM SPEED
OF MACH 17.5,
YOU SHOULD
REACH THE
SKYHOOK AT
600 KM IN
ABOUT TWO
MINUTES...



THAT'S THE
BIGGEST
PROBLEM...

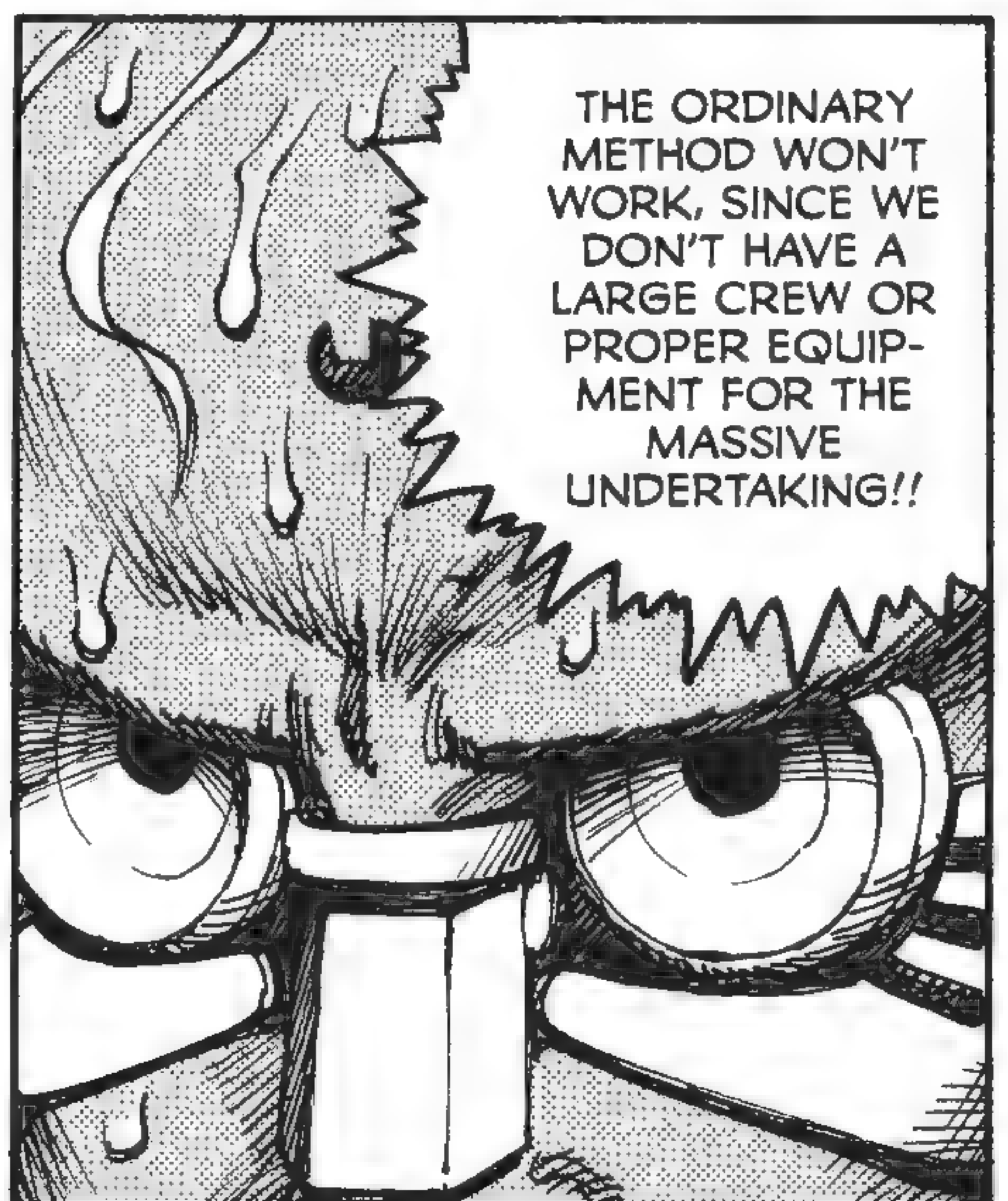
G-GREAT!
SO HOW DO
I STOP THE
BOLT FROM
UNDOCK-
ING...?



THEN...
THEN
WHAT
CAN I
DO?!



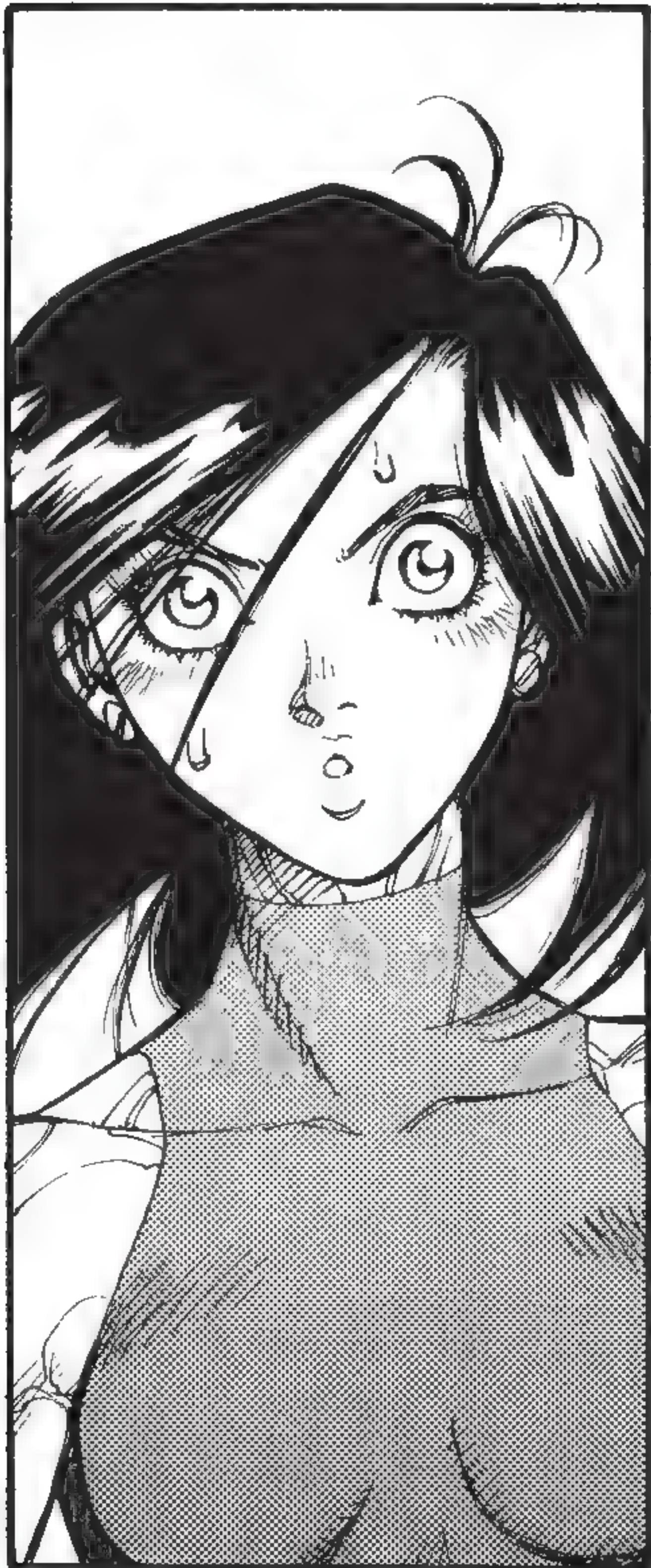
NEVER
THOUGHT
I'D NEED
TO USE
THIS...



THE ORDINARY
METHOD WON'T
WORK, SINCE WE
DON'T HAVE A
LARGE CREW OR
PROPER EQUIP-
MENT FOR THE
MASSIVE
UNDERTAKING!!



AAAHAH!!



AS A MATTER
OF FACT, THAT
IMAGINOS BODY
CAN UNDERGO
A ONE-TIME
TRANSMUTA-
TION...

...BY
ADMINISTERING
THIS SPECIAL
TRIGGER
AGENT!!

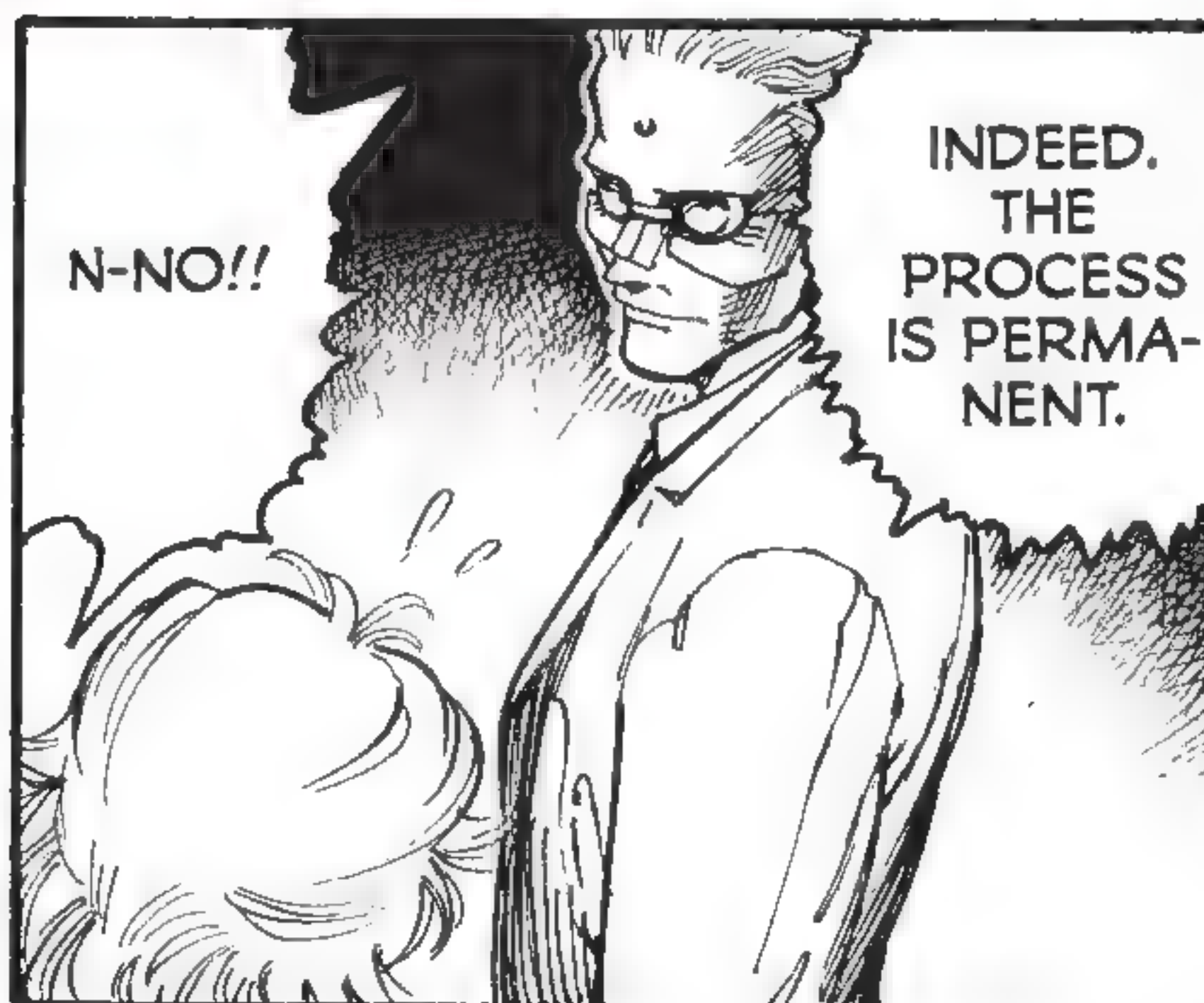
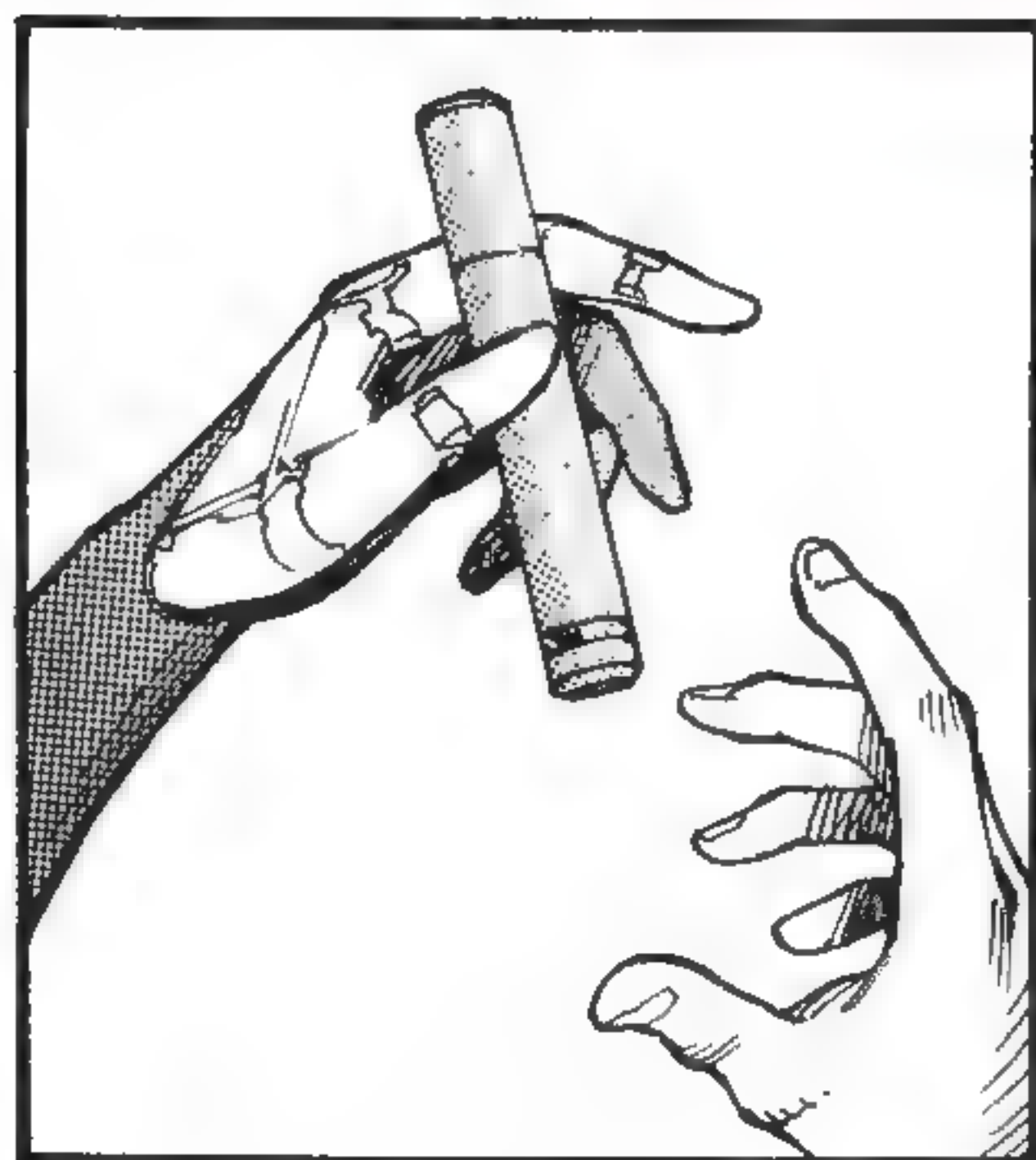


BUT THE EFFECTS
OF THE TRANSFOR-
MATION WILL BE
MOLDED BY YOUR
SUBCONSCIOUS,
AND UNCONTROL-
LABLE BY YOUR
WILL ALONE! I CAN-
NOT PREDICT THE
LIKELIHOOD
OF SUCCESS!

IN
THE WORST
CASE SCE-
NARIO, THE
EFFECT MIGHT
BE TOO WEAK
TO PREVENT
COLLAPSE
ANYWAY...



USE THIS AT
THE SKYHOOK TO
FUSE WITH THE
UNDOCKING BOLT
AND FIX IT INTO
PLACE!!

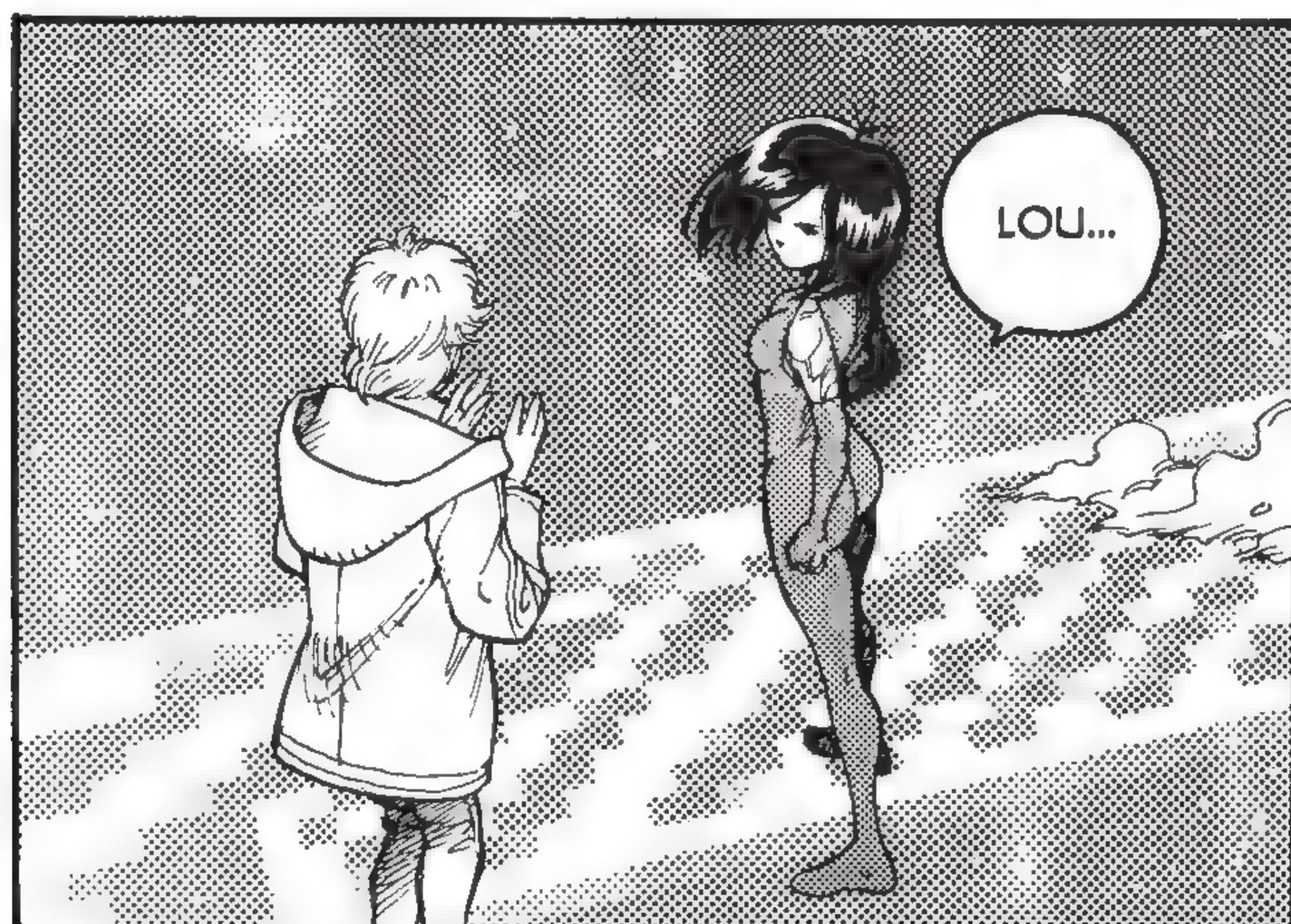
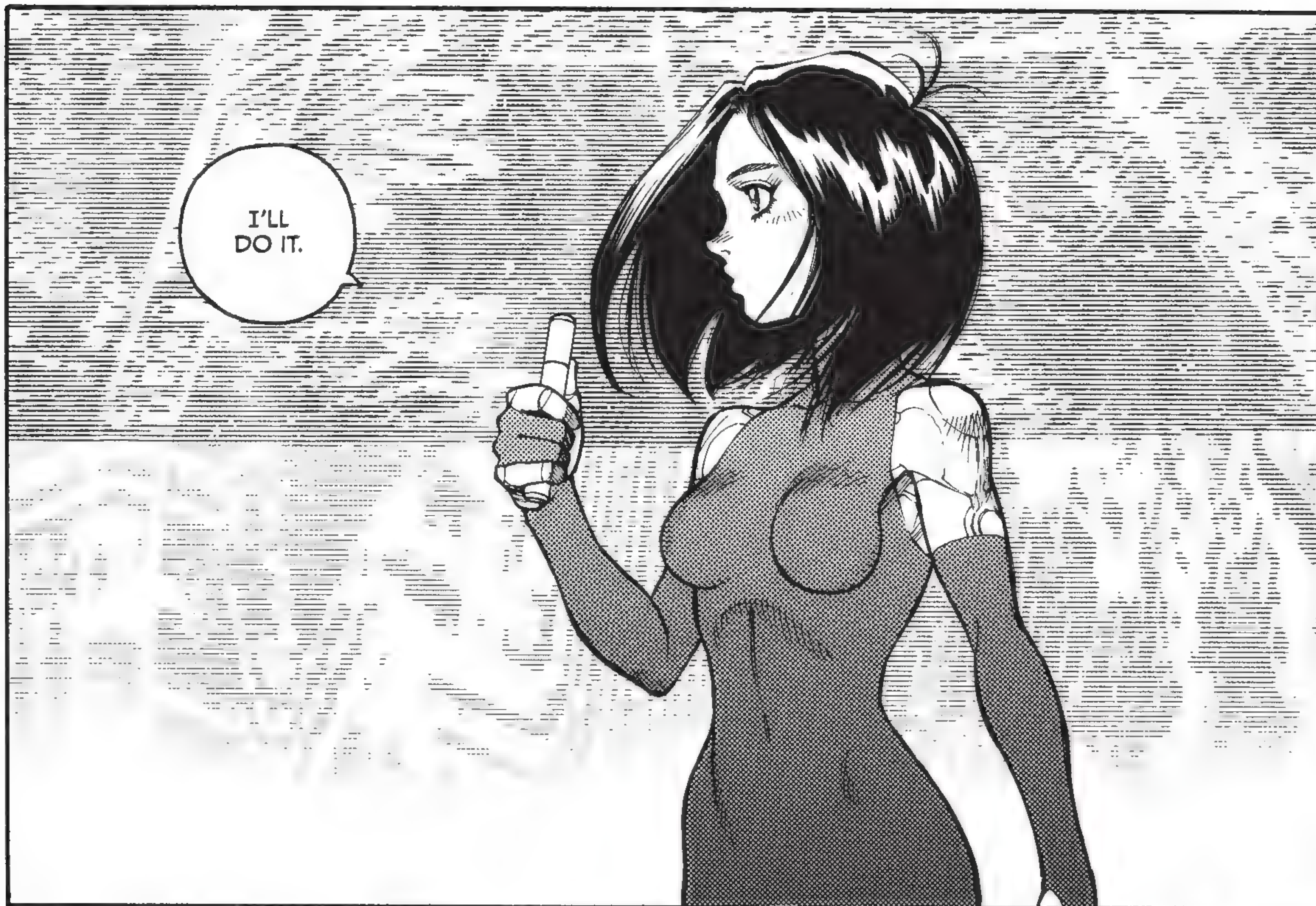


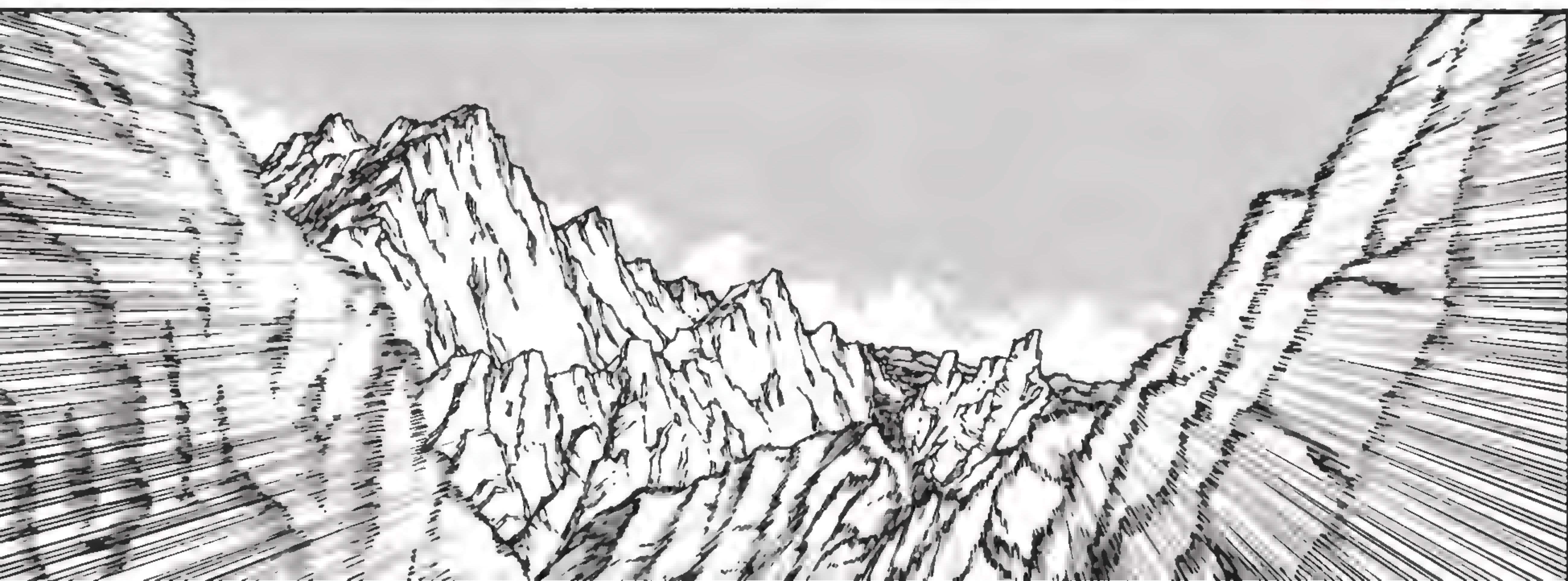
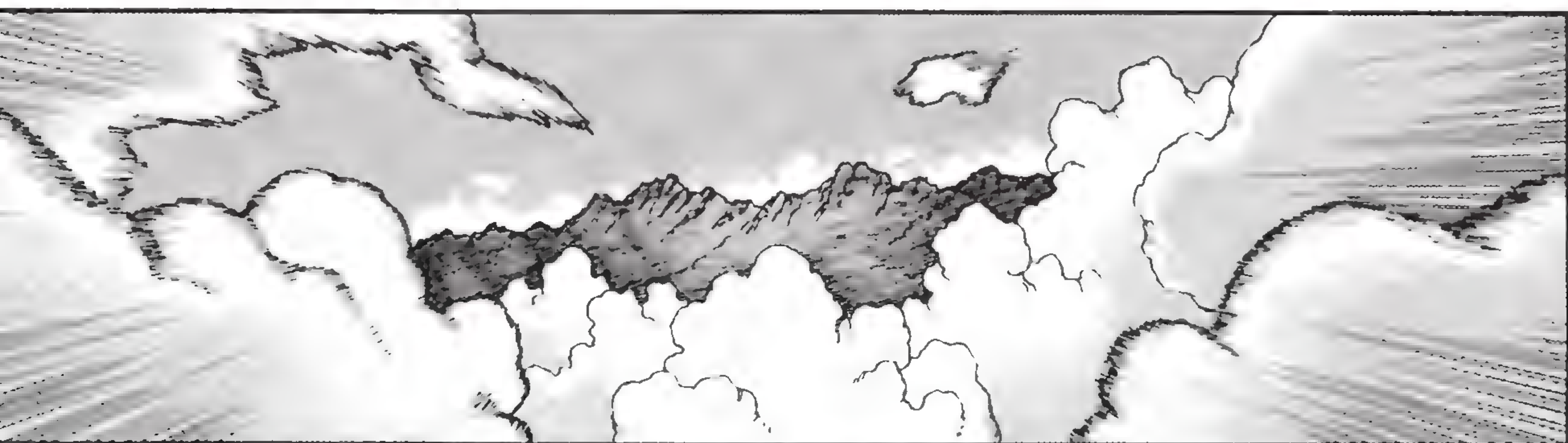
N-NO!!

INDEED.
THE
PROCESS
IS PERMA-
NENT.



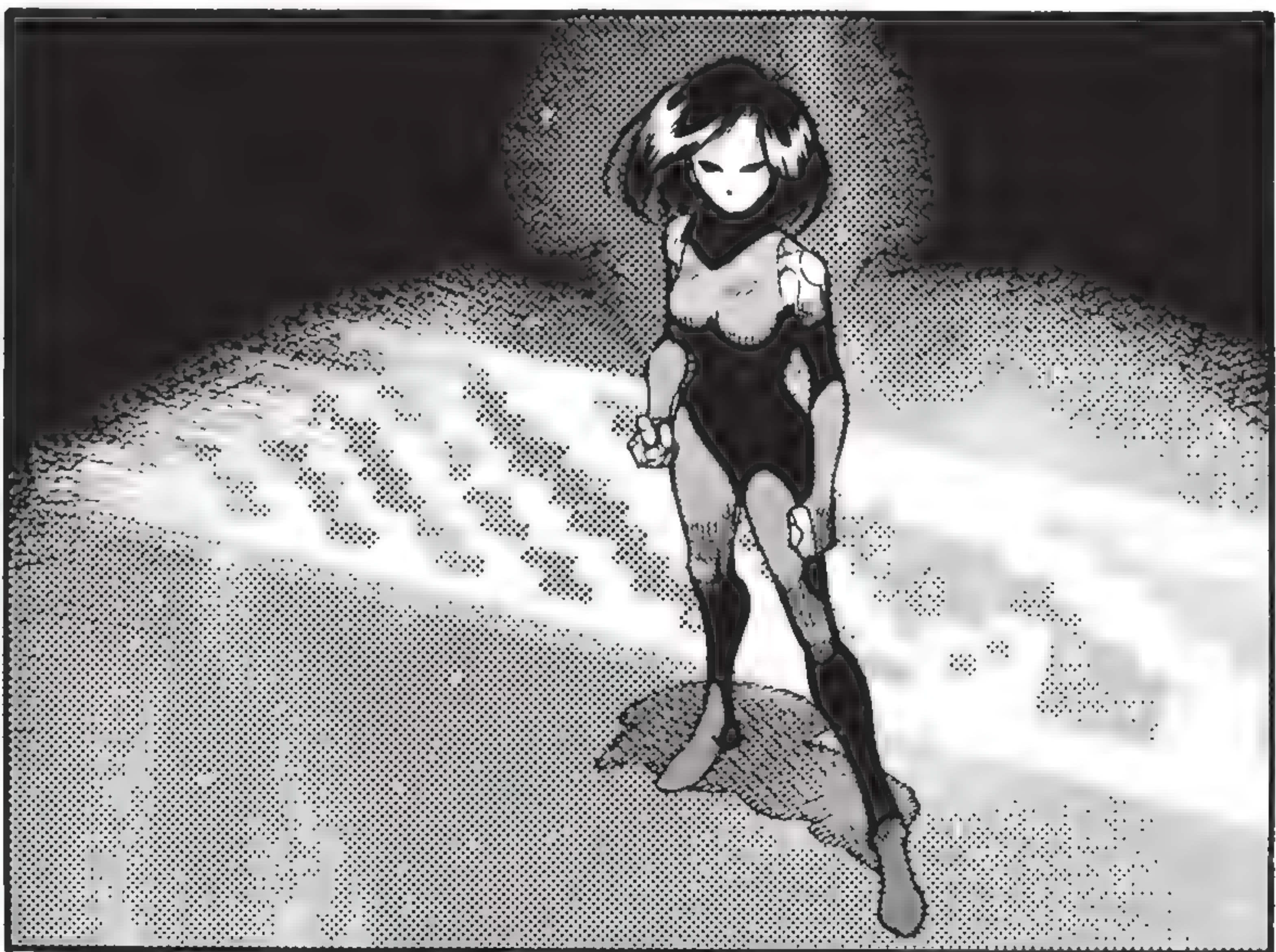
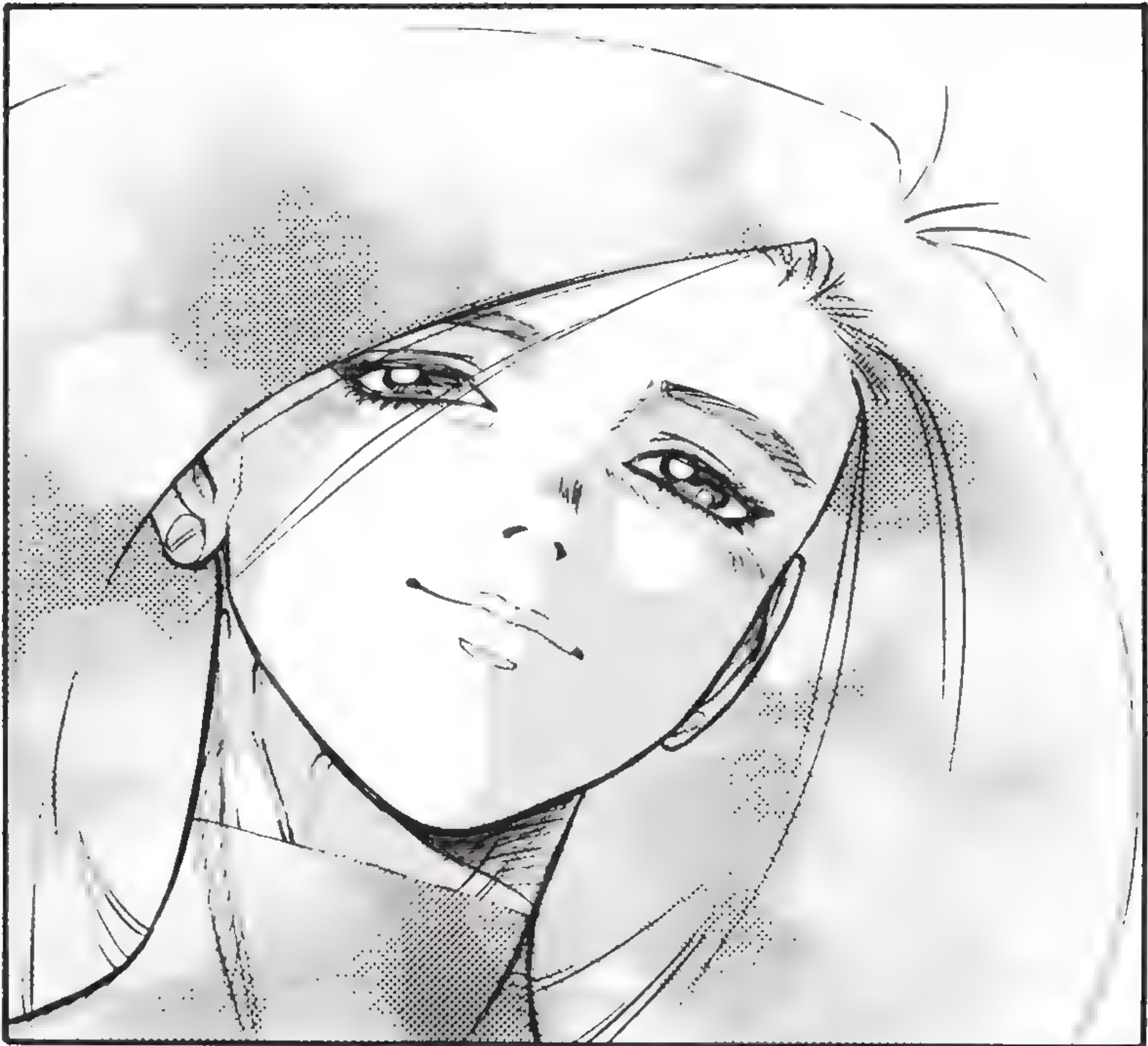
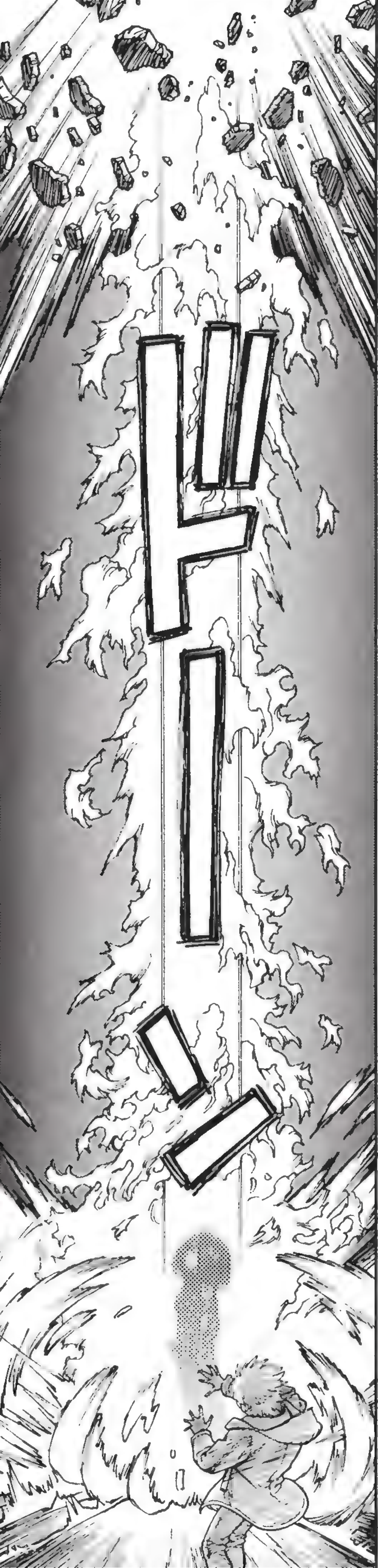
W-WAIT
A MINUTE... ARE
YOU SAYING
ALITA'S GOING
TO USE HER
OWN BODY AS
A KIND OF...
ADHESIVE?

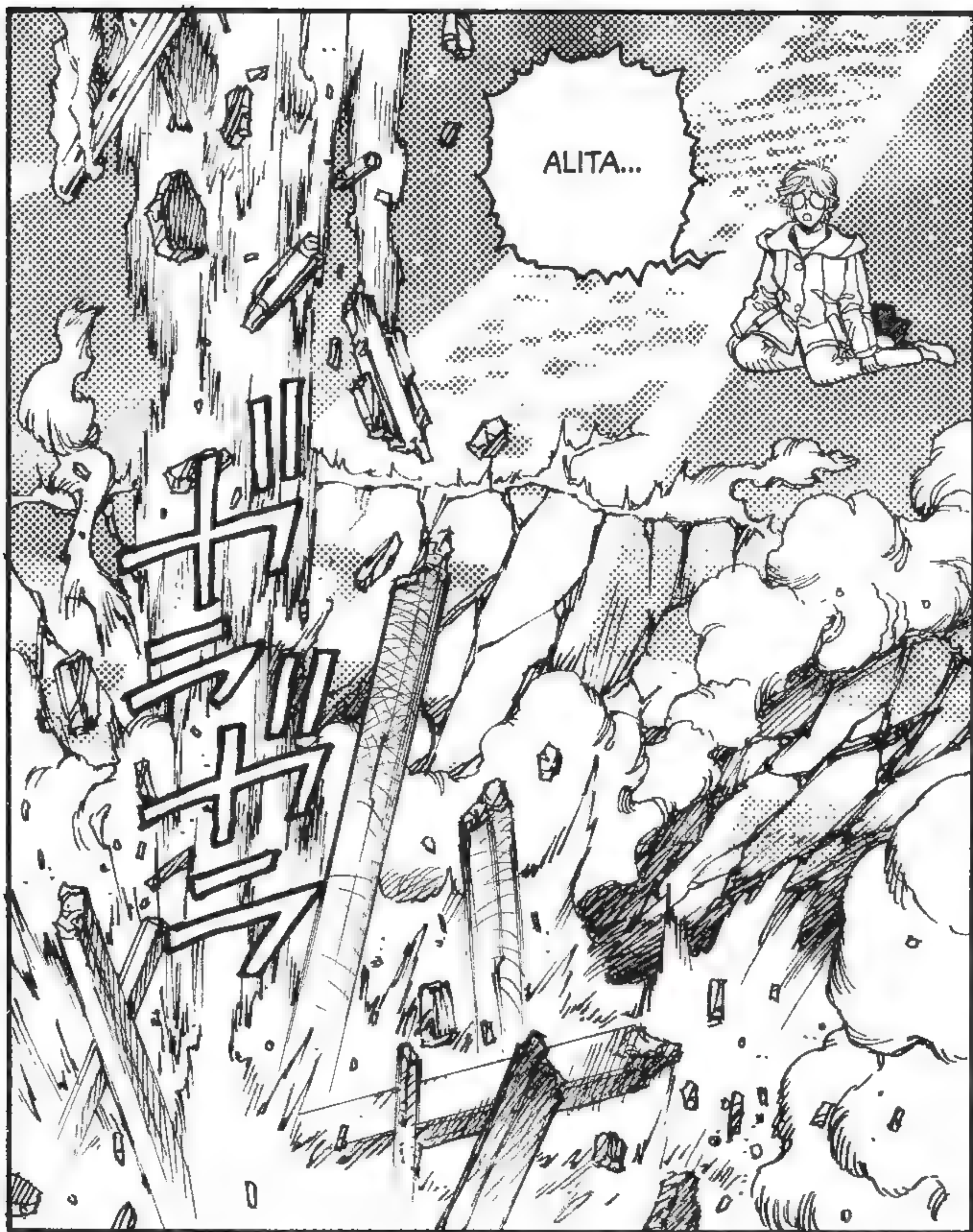










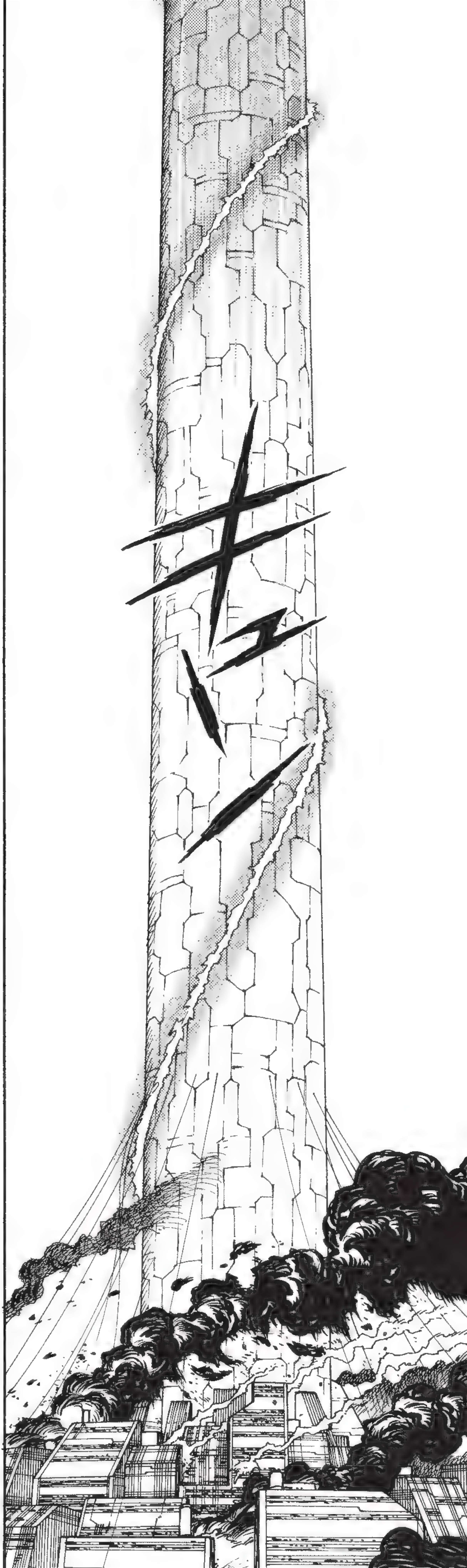


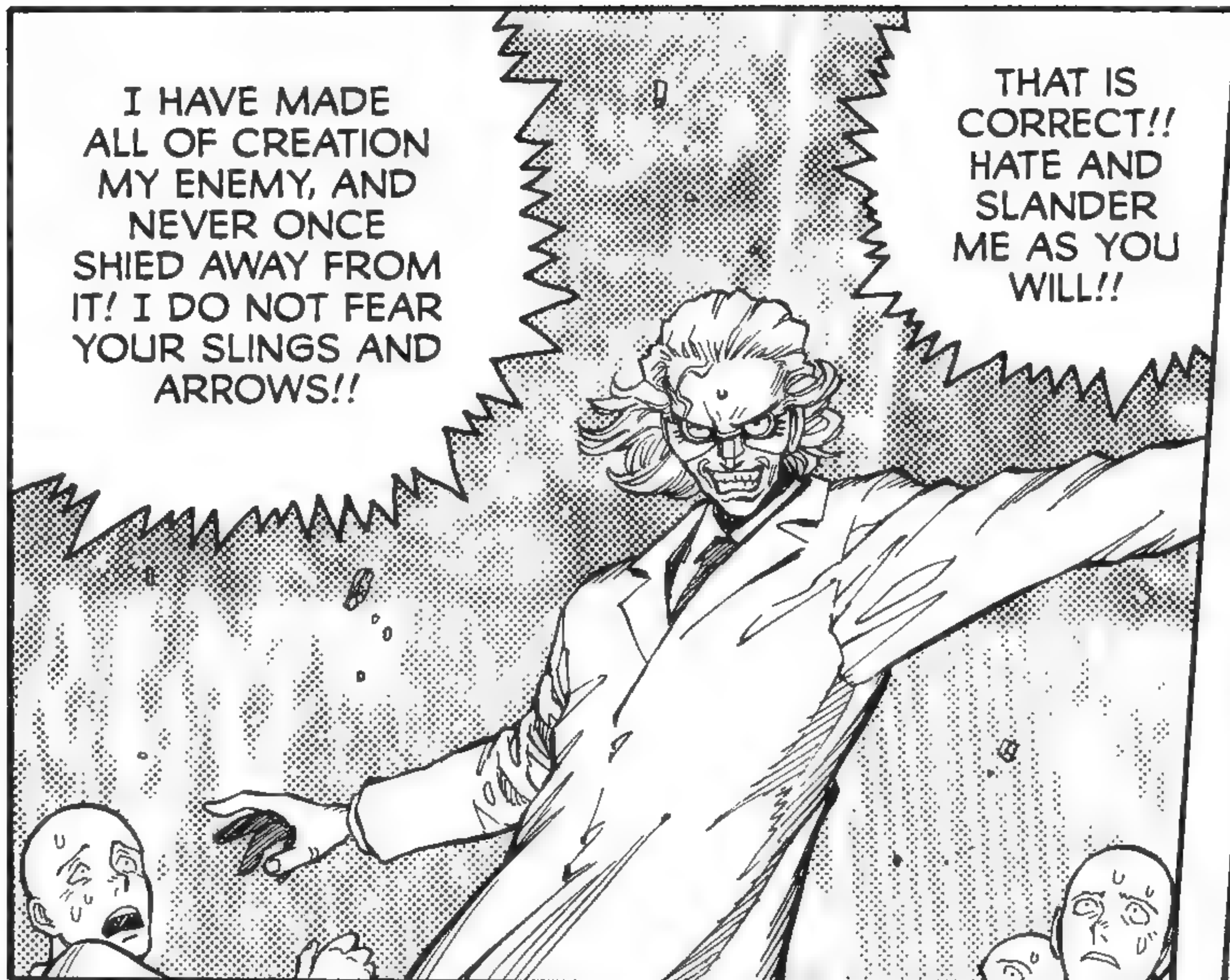
I
SHOULDN'T
HAVE
SPOKEN
ABOUT THE
TRIGGER
AGENT!!

CURSES! I
SHOULDN'T
HAVE TOLD
HER...



I
HOPE
YOU
FAIL,
ALITA!!





I HAVE MADE
ALL OF CREATION
MY ENEMY, AND
NEVER ONCE
SHIED AWAY FROM
IT! I DO NOT FEAR
YOUR SLINGS AND
ARROWS!!

THAT IS
CORRECT!!
HATE AND
SLANDER
ME AS YOU
WILL!!

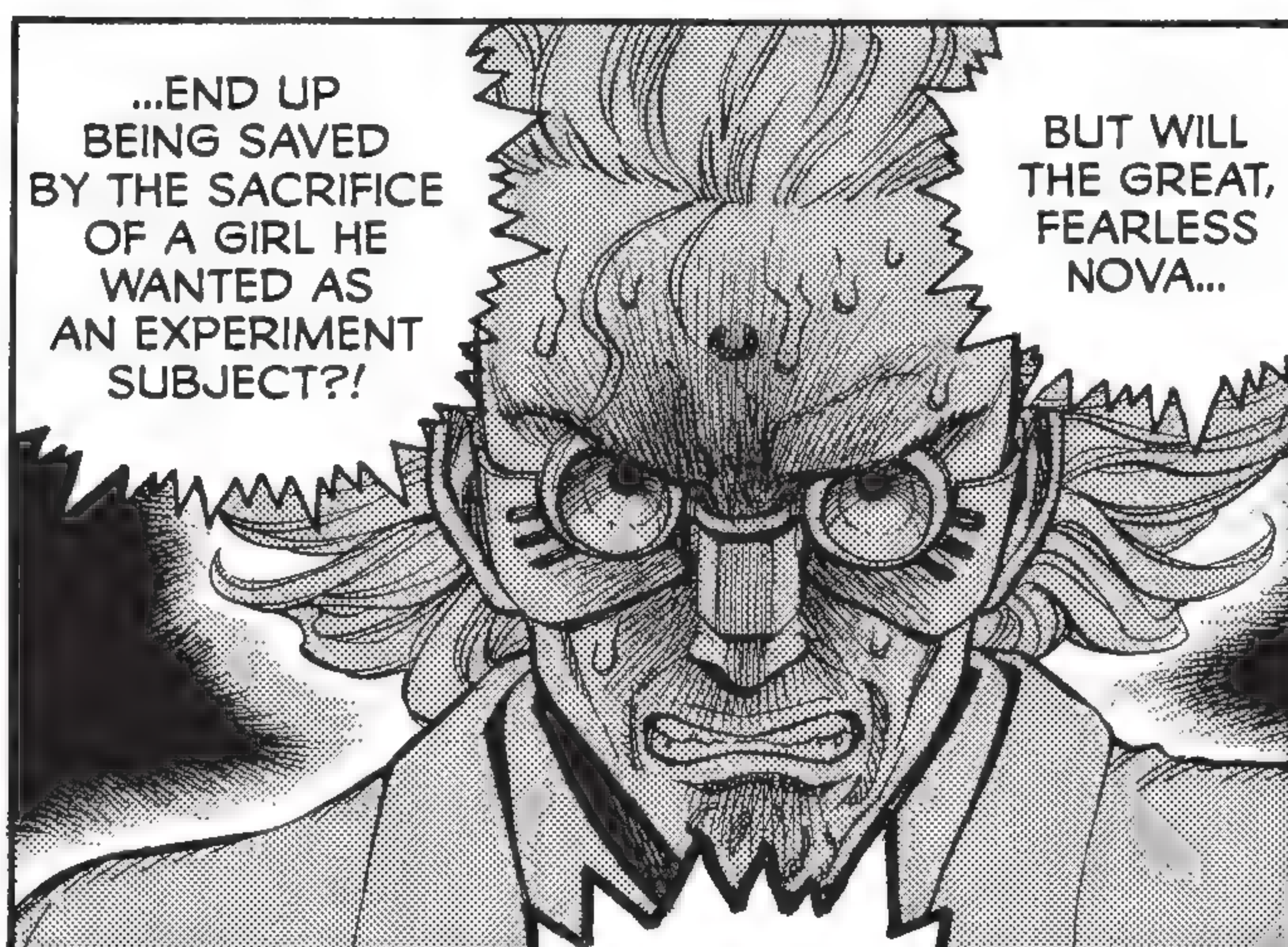


HOW
CAN YOU SAY
THAT?! THIS
IS ALL YOUR
FAULT TO BEGIN
WITH, PROFES-
SOR NOVA!!



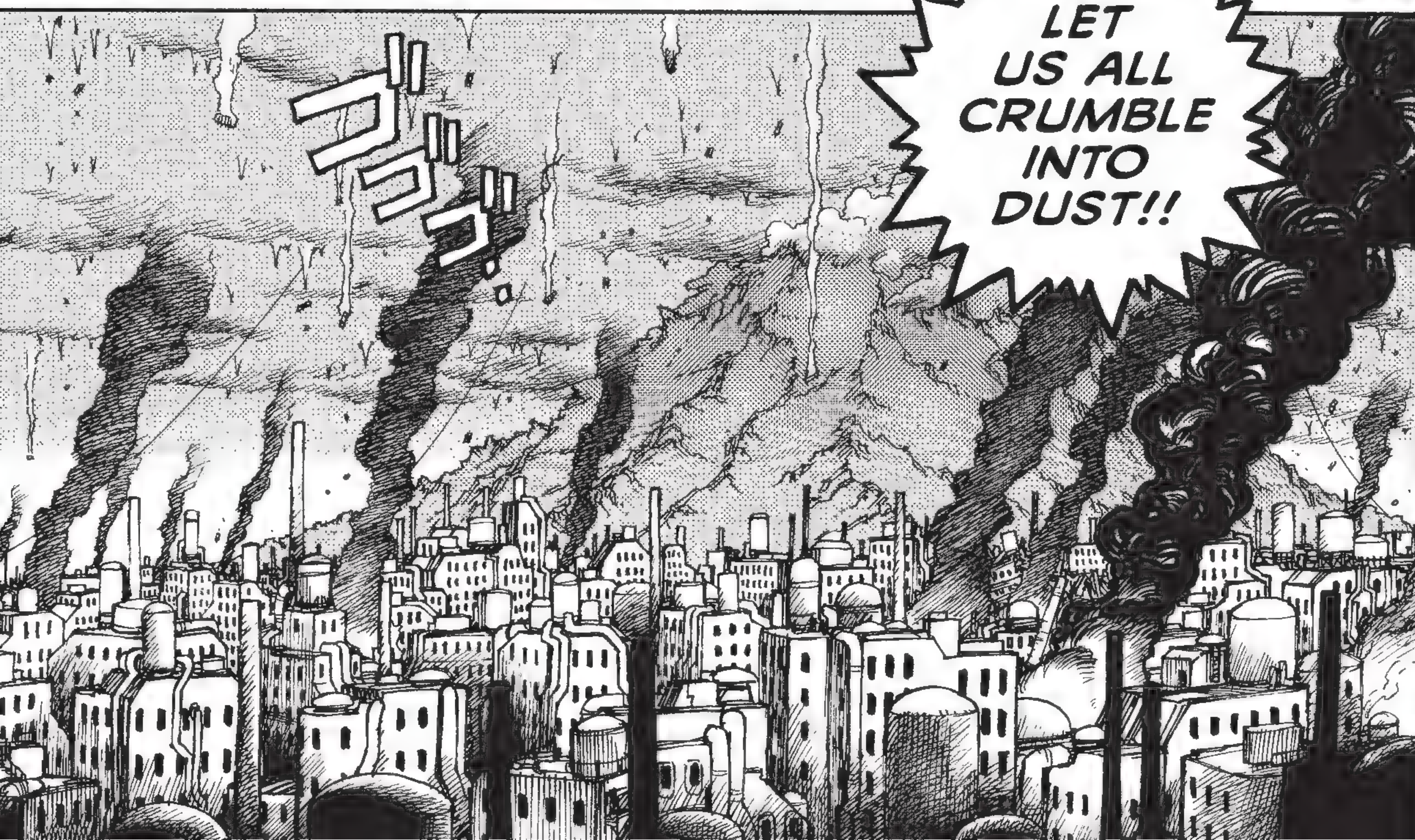
IF I MUST
LIVE BY THE
MERCY OF
ANOTHER...

...THEN
I WOULD
PREFER TO
BE CAST
INTO HELL
WITH ONE
BALEFUL
STRIKE!!

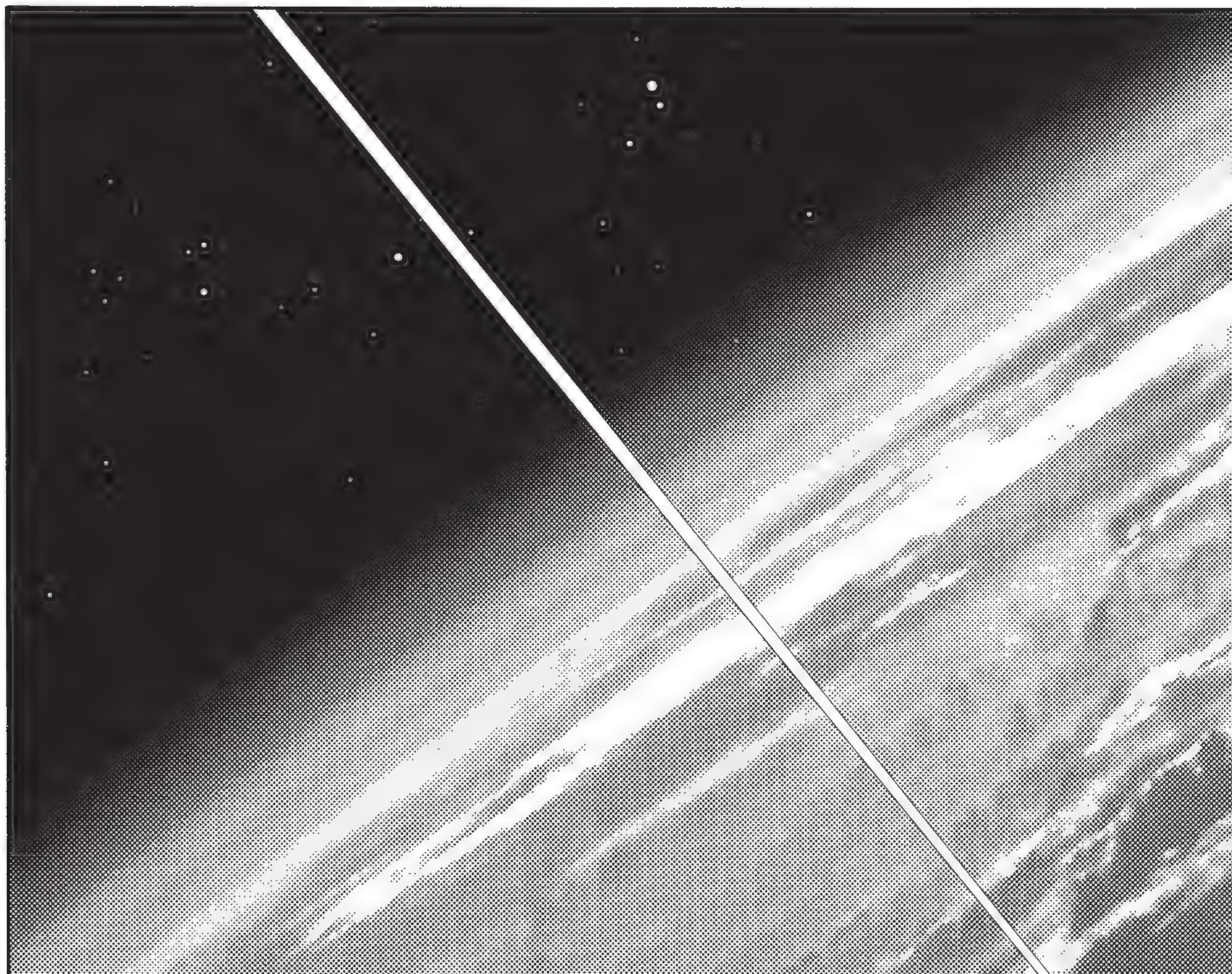
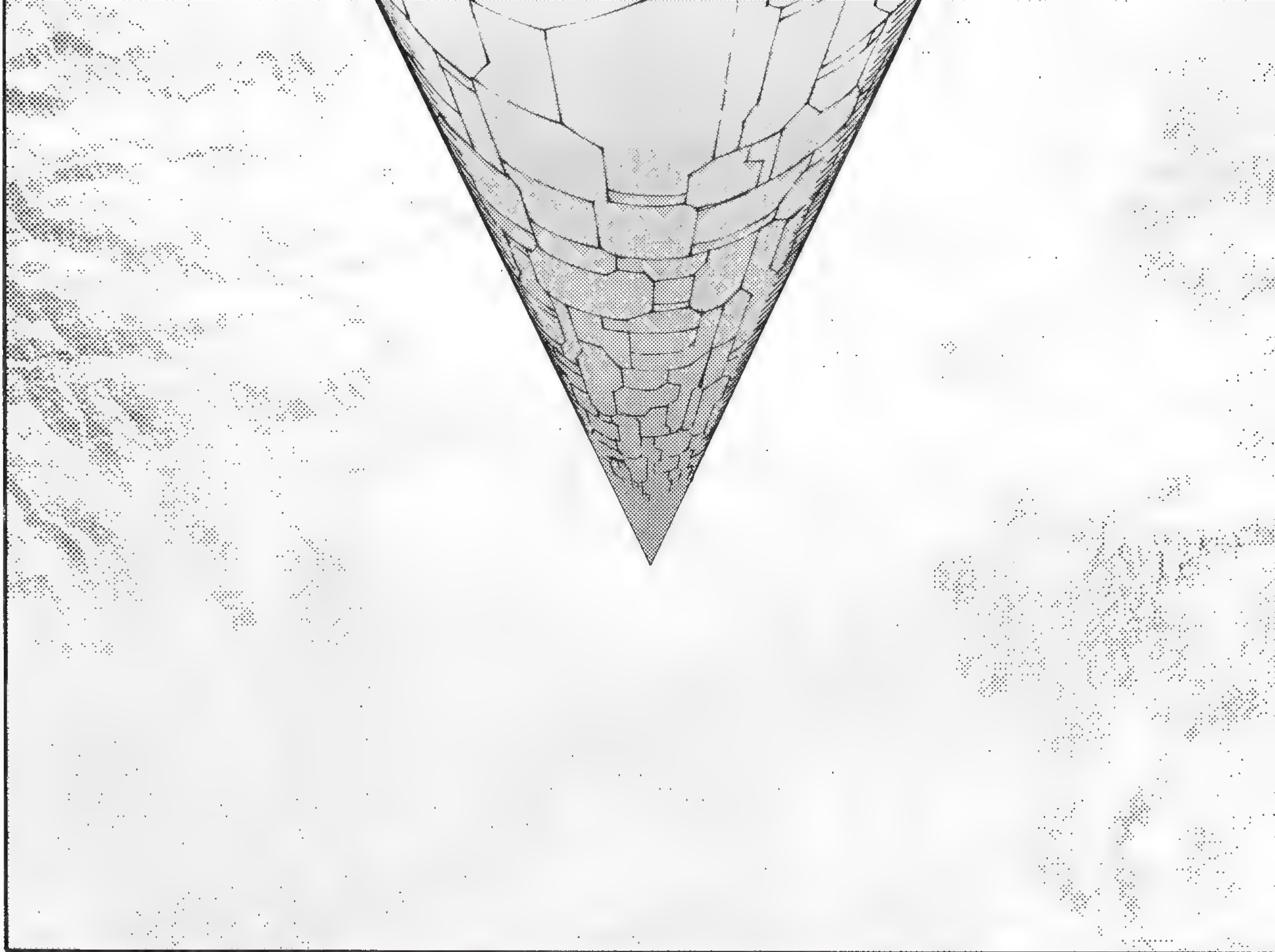


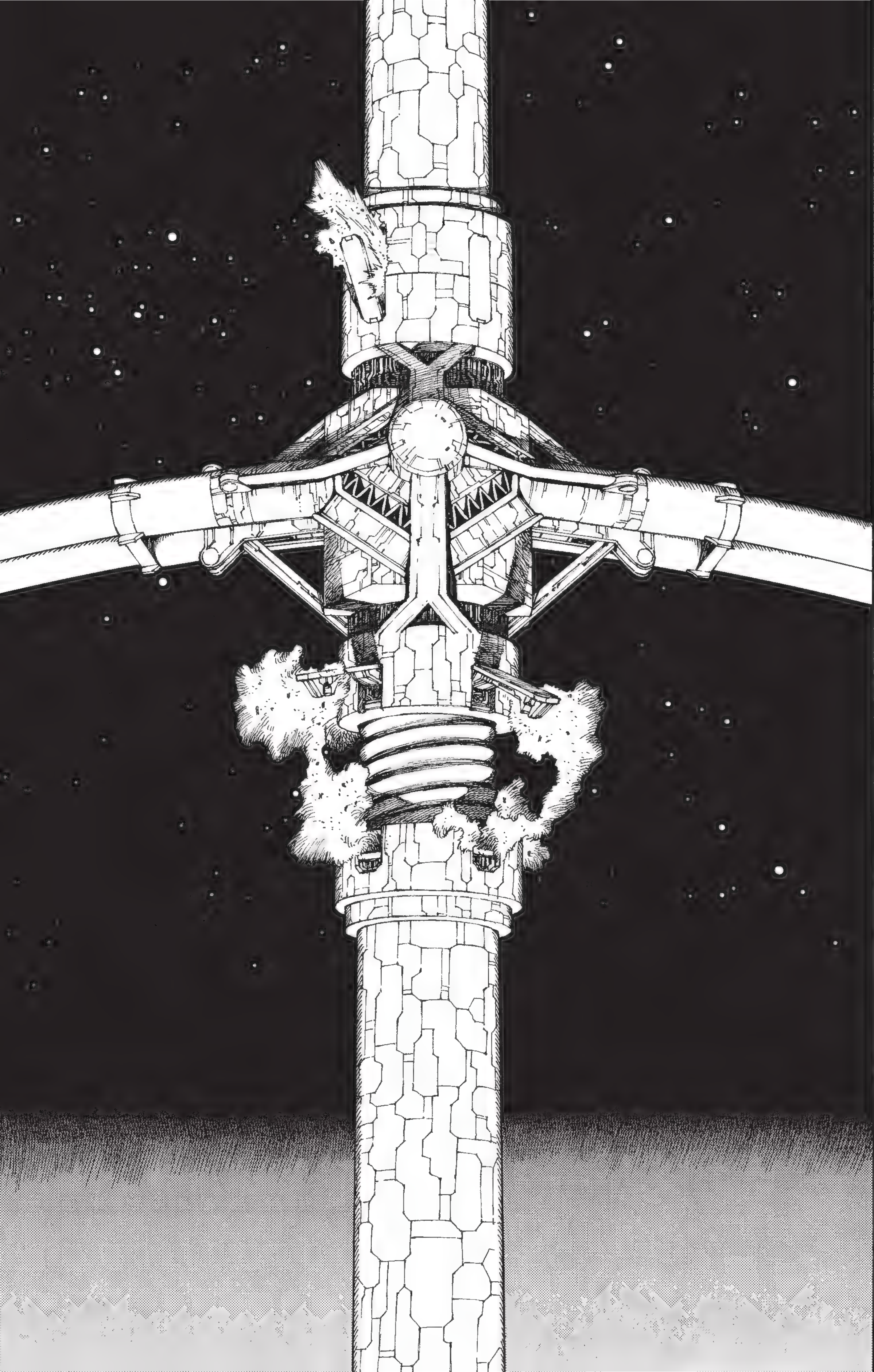
...END UP
BEING SAVED
BY THE SACRIFICE
OF A GIRL HE
WANTED AS
AN EXPERIMENT
SUBJECT?!

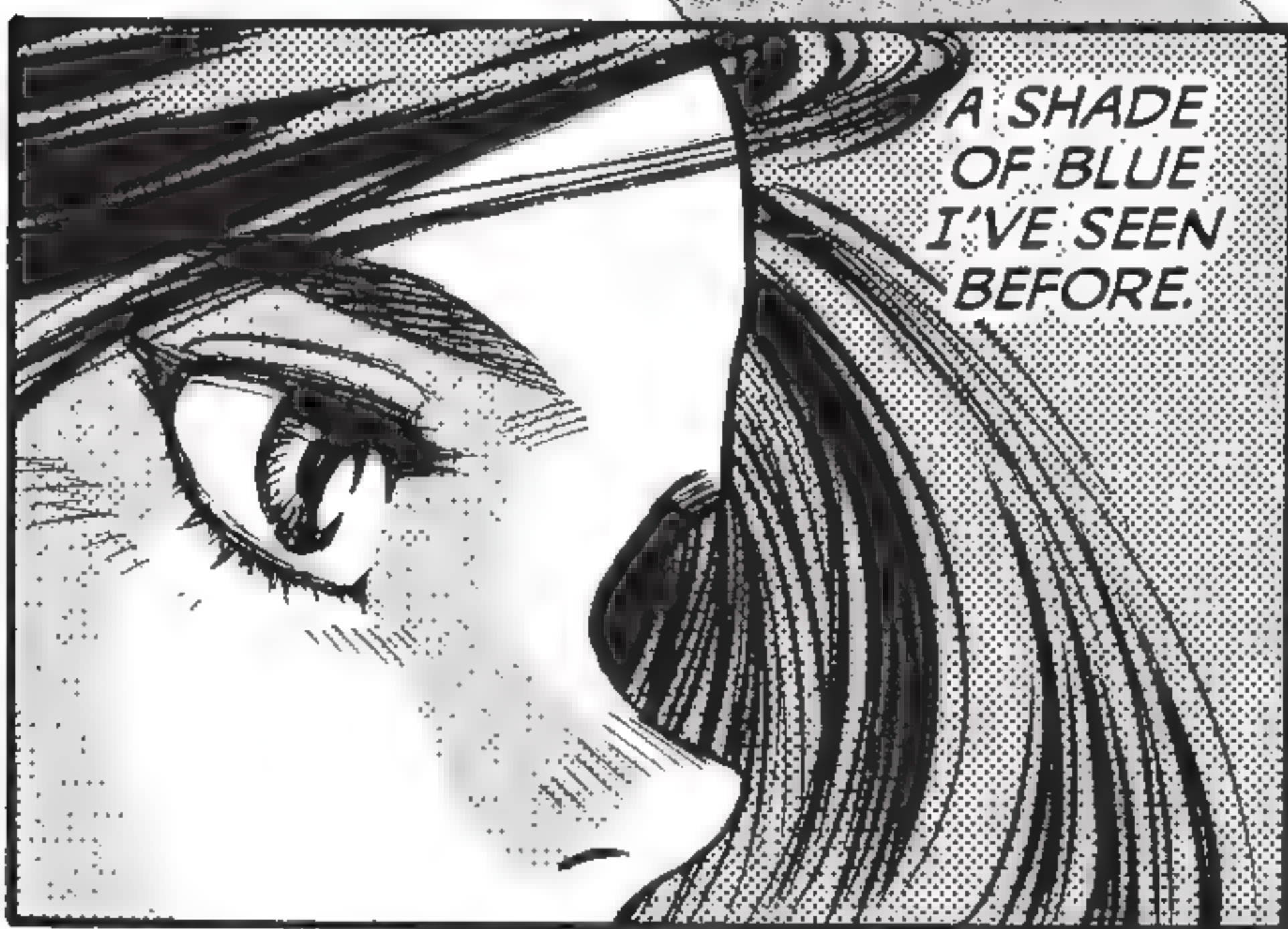
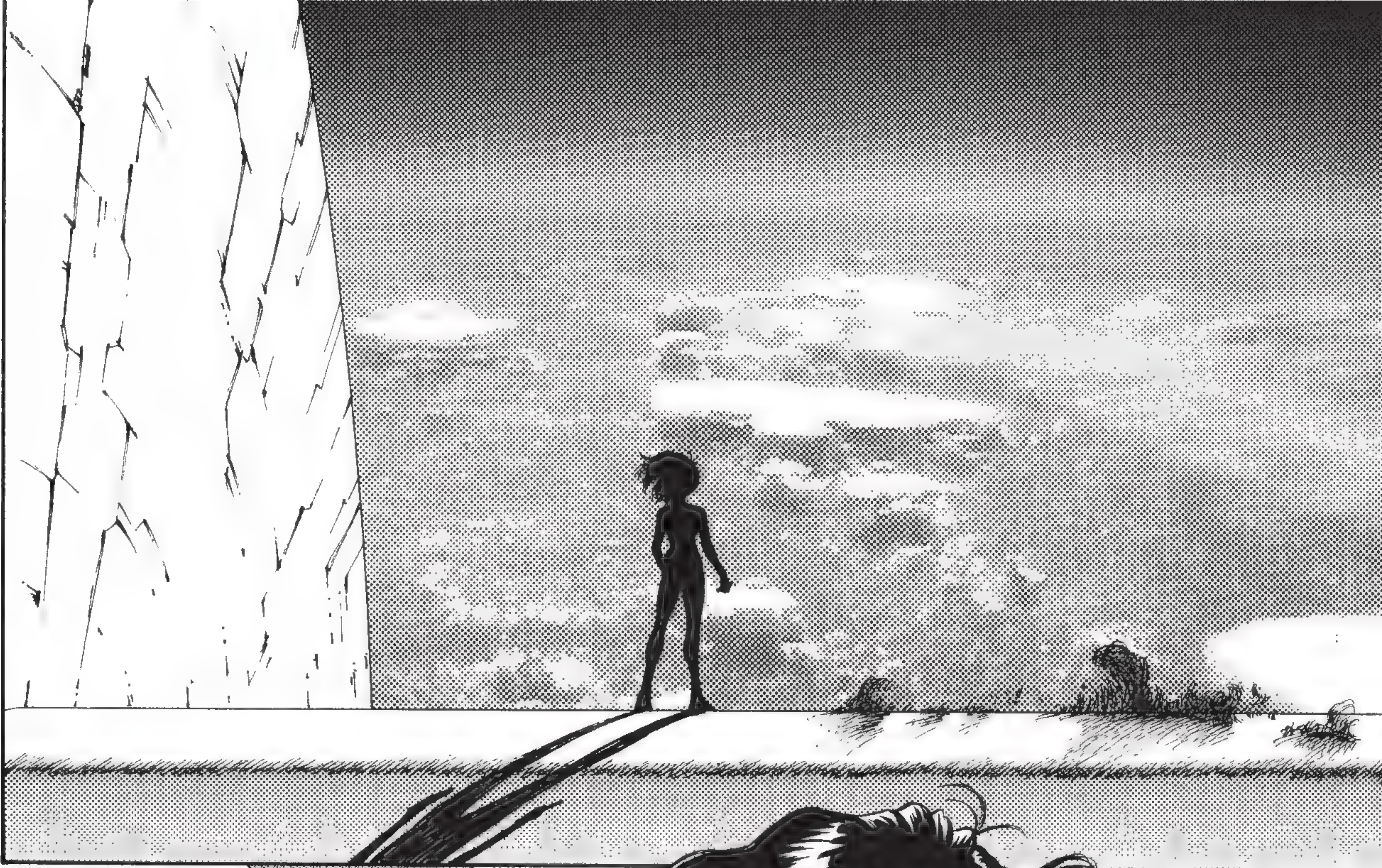
BUT WILL
THE GREAT,
FEARLESS
NOVA...



LET
US ALL
CRUMBLE
INTO
DUST!!





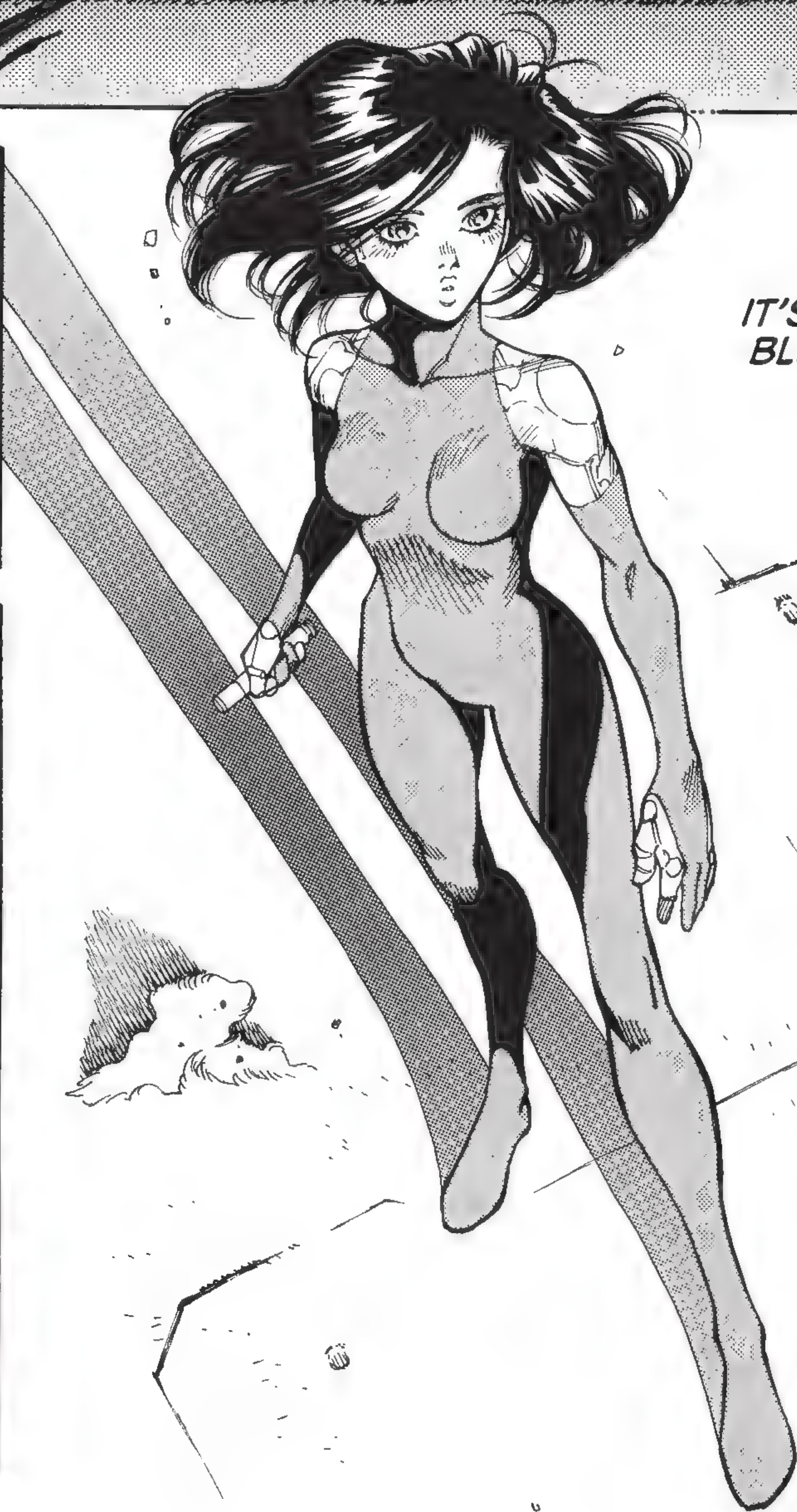


A SHADE
OF BLUE
I'VE SEEN
BEFORE.



...OR IT'S
DUE TO THE
VACUUM OF
SPACE.

EITHER THE
ACCELERATOR
MEANS I CAN'T
SHED TEARS...



IT'S SO
BLUE...

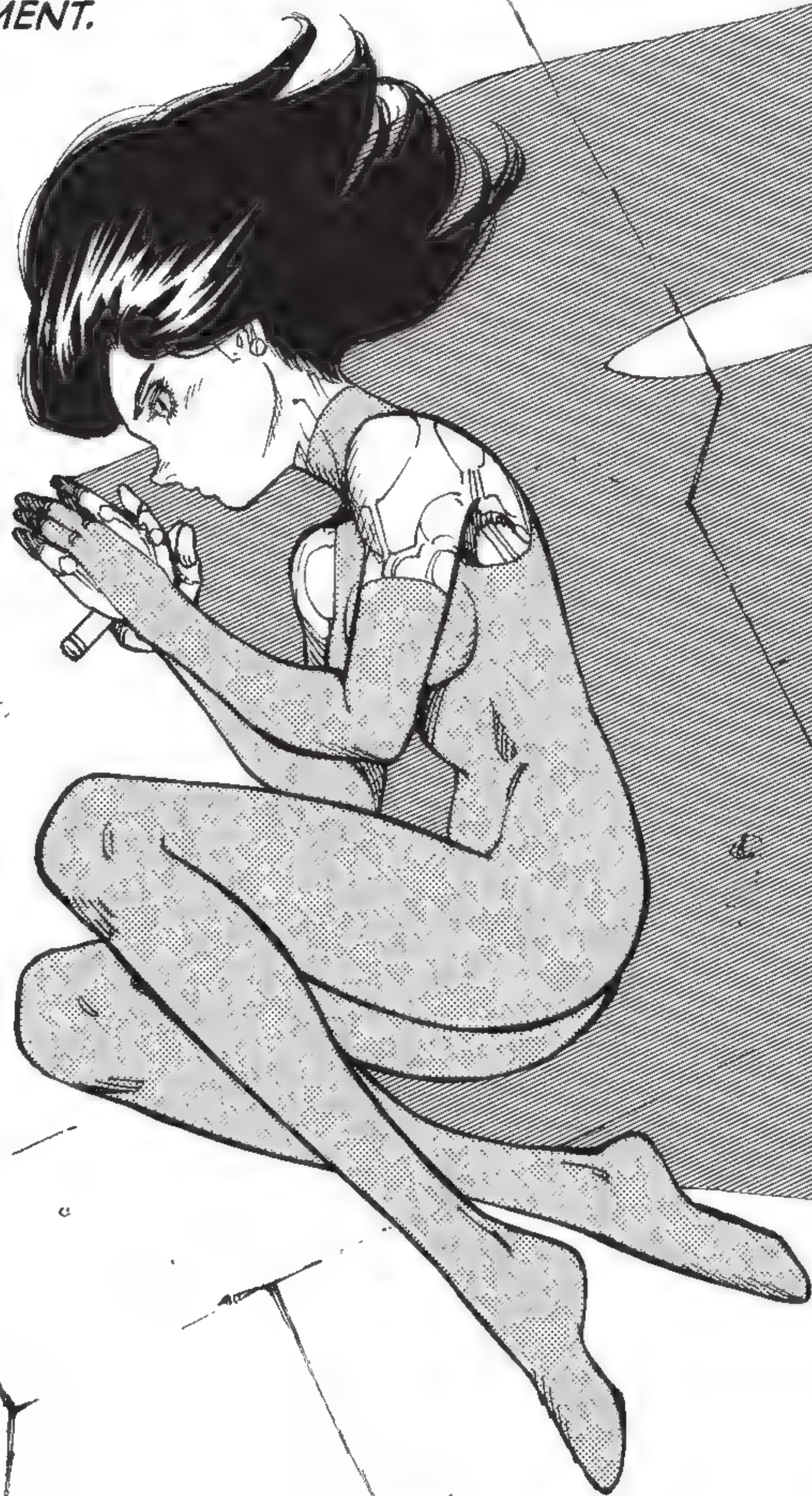
SO
MOURNFUL.

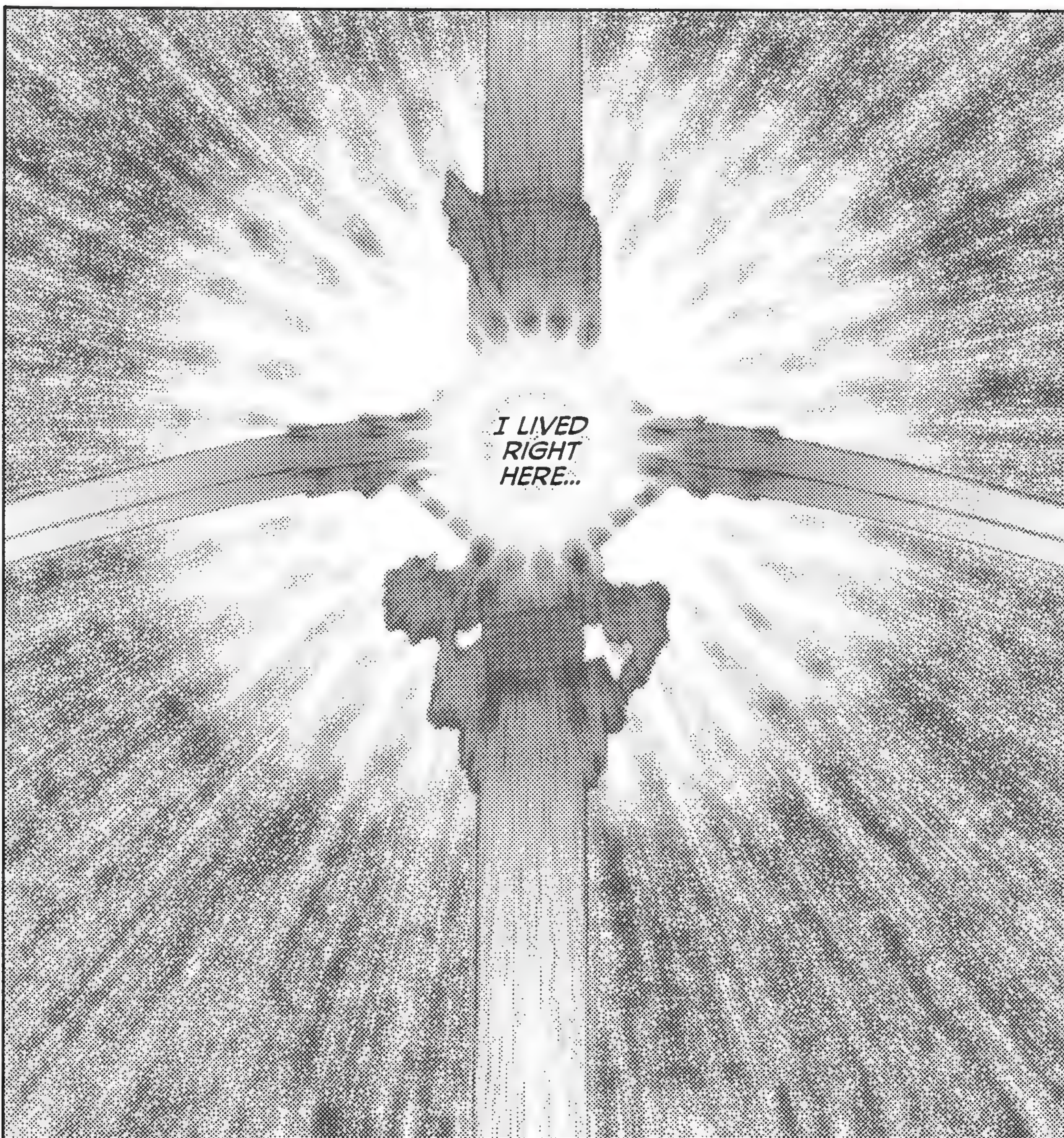
YET I FEEL
SO LONELY.

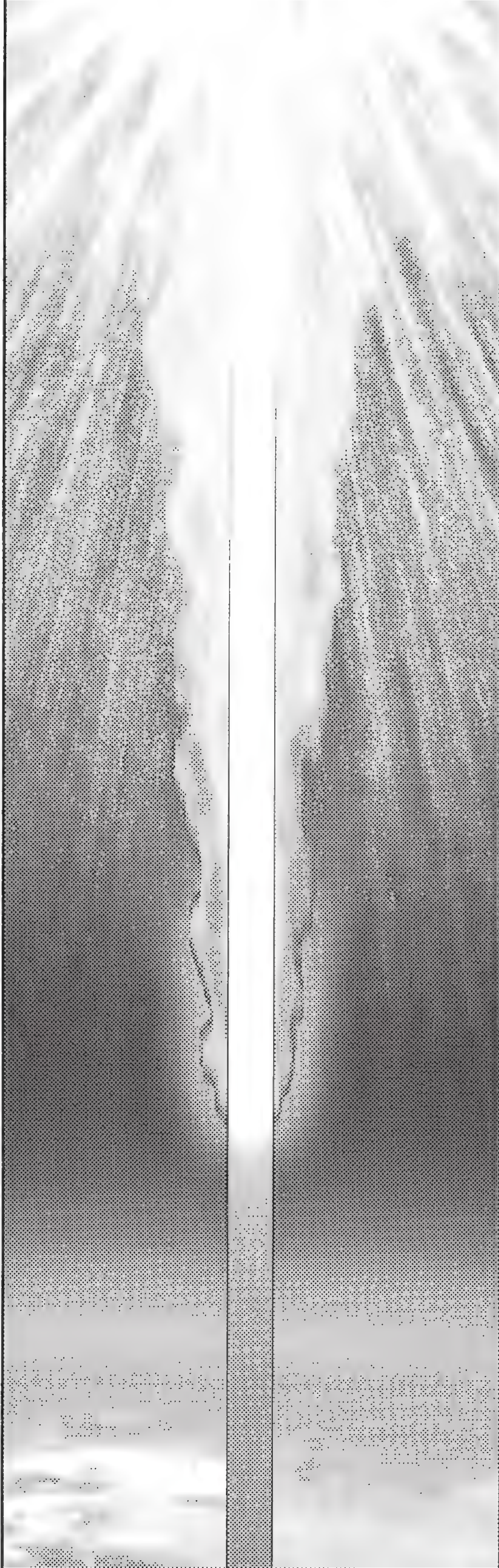


AND
EVEN THESE
EMOTIONS
ARE GOING TO
VANISH IN A
MOMENT.

I'M
RIGHT
HERE.









AL...!

...TA...

EEEEK!

AAAHH!



I'M
CERTAIN
THAT YOUR
FINAL
THOUGHTS...

IT
SMELLS...
NICE...

MMM...



OHHH...!

ALMOST
LIKE...

TREES
AND
GRASS...?!





*...WILL
NEVER BE
RECOGNIZED
BY THOSE
WHOSE LIVES
YOU SAVED.*





WHAT IS
IT THAT
WE SEEK
FROM
THIS
WORLD
WE LIVE
IN?

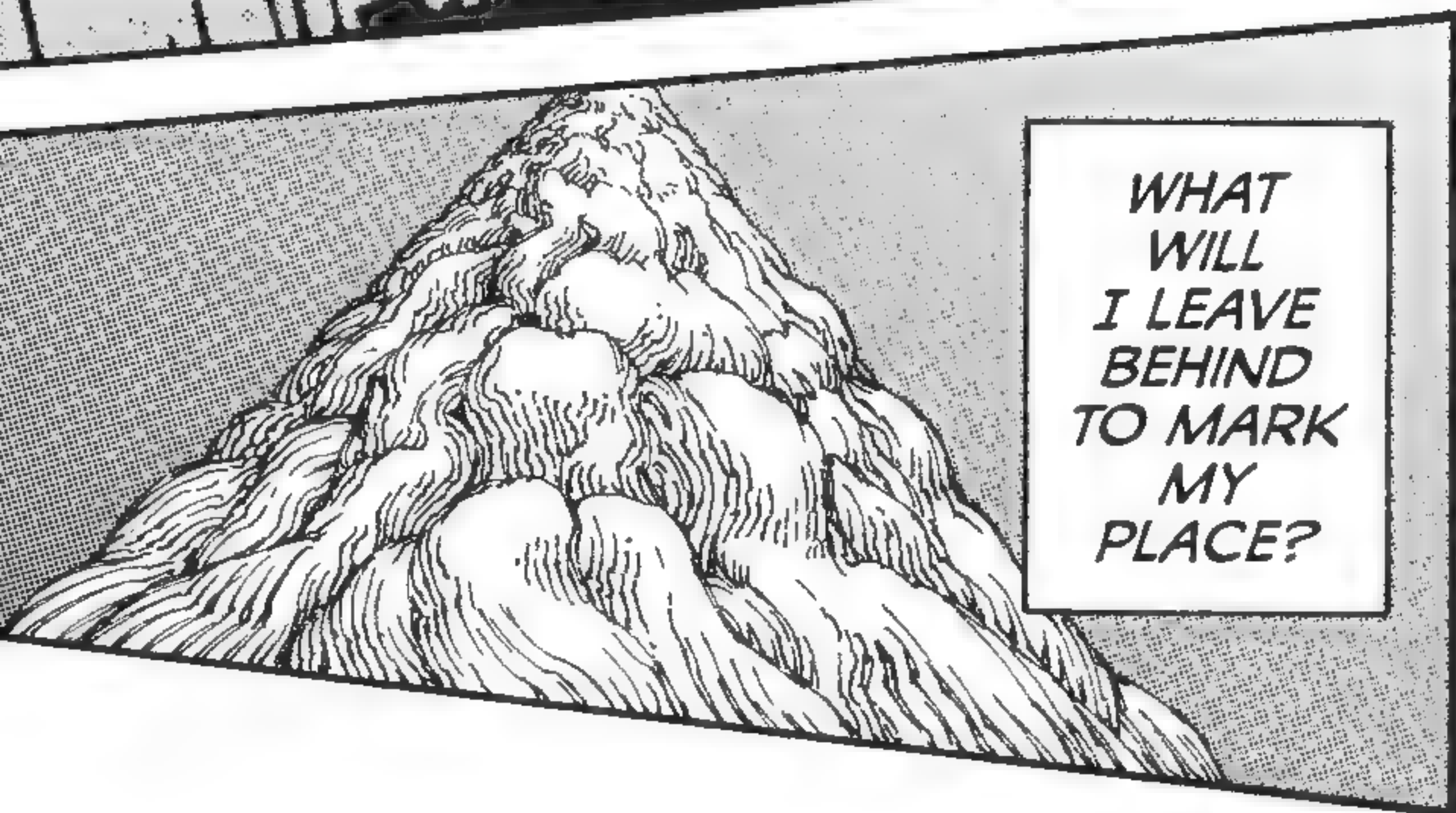
THEY
WILL ONLY
SEE THE
TRACES
OF YOUR
STRENGTH
LEFT
BEHIND...



WHAT
IS MY
DREAM,
MY
DESIRE?



WHAT
WILL
I LEAVE
BEHIND
TO MARK
MY
PLACE?



I WISH
THAT
I COULD
BE THAT
STRONG...

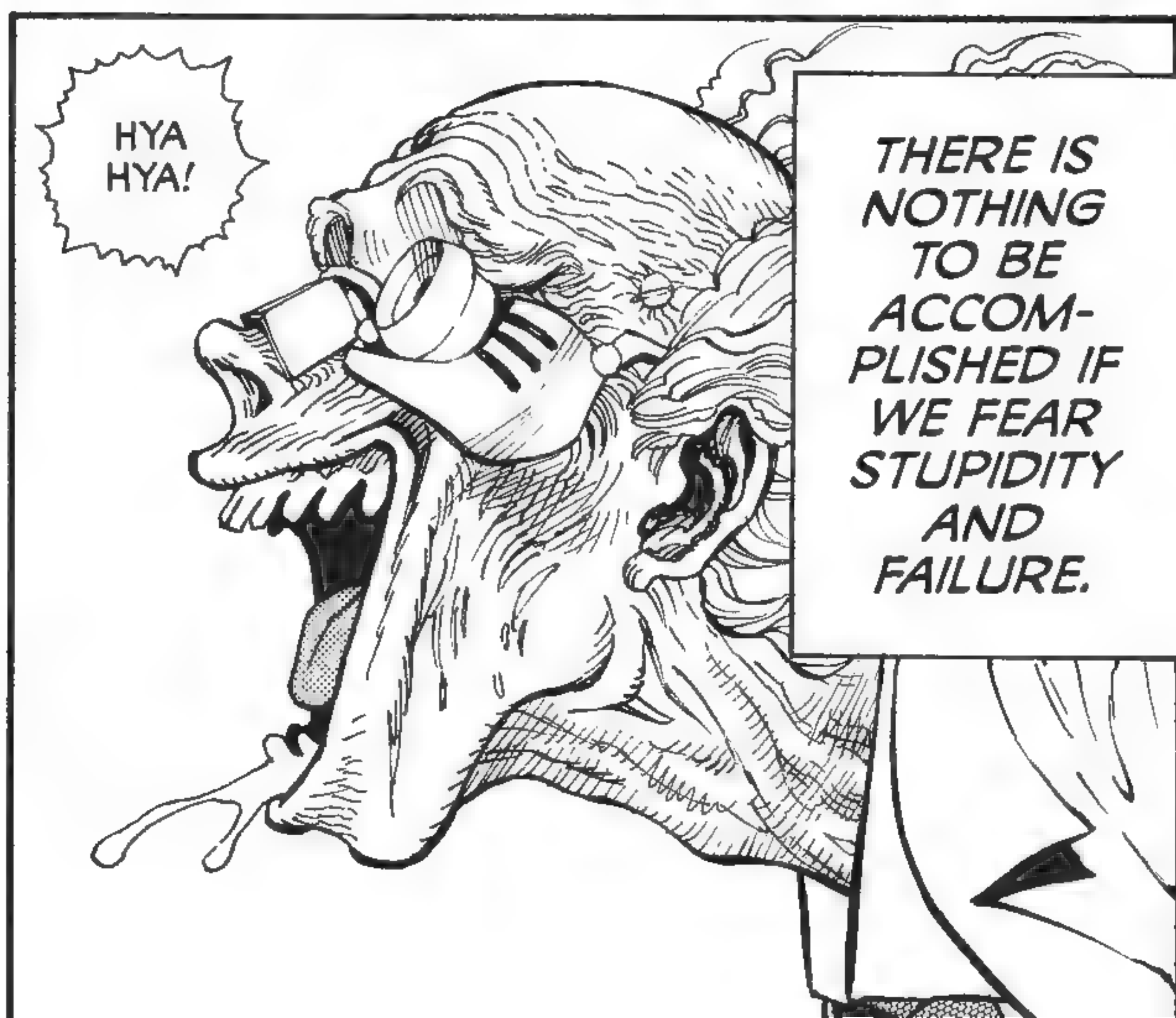


HYA HYA
HYA!

P-
PROFESSOR
NOVA!

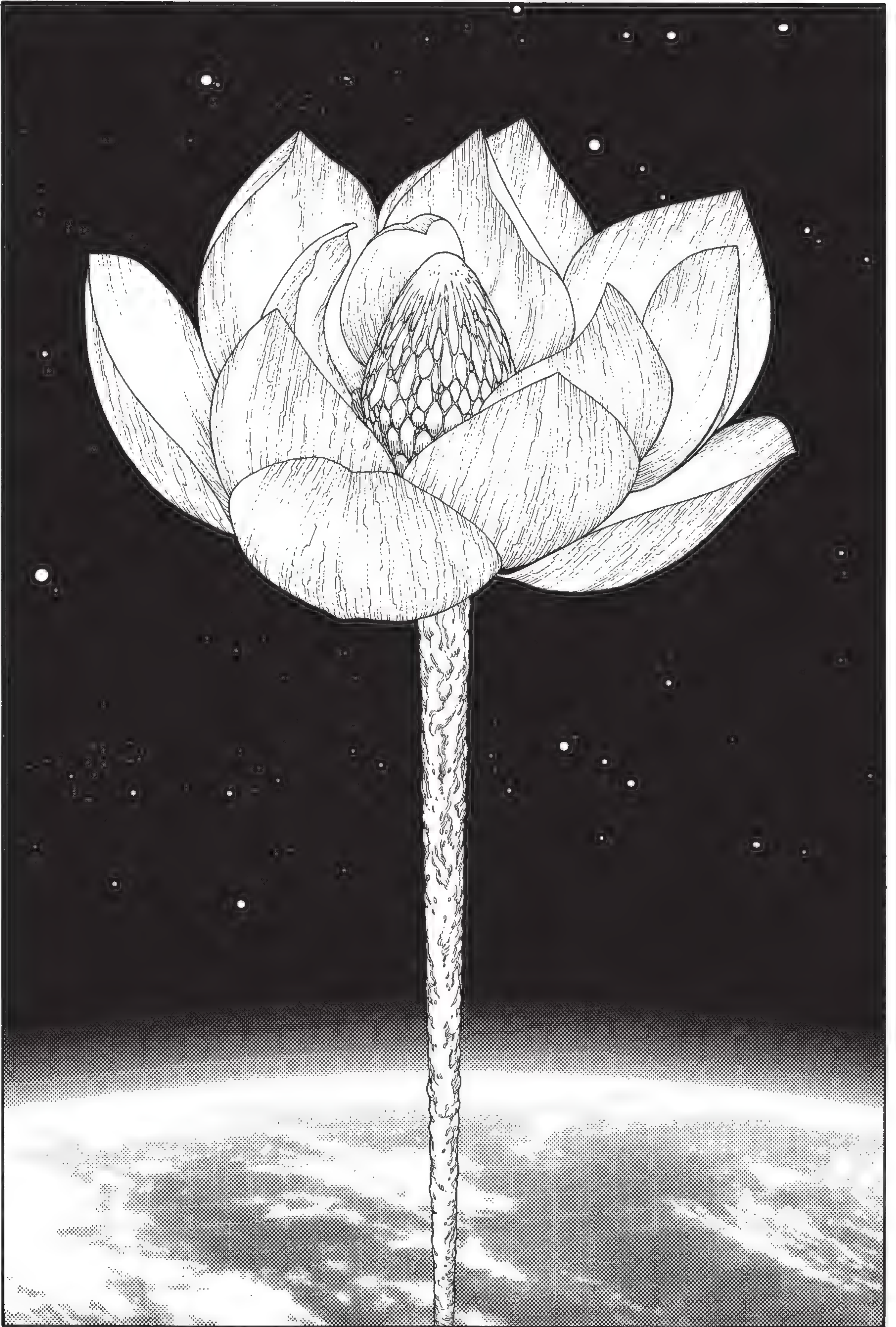
OOOH!
LOOKY THAT
GIGANTIC
TREE!

MAYBE I'LL
CATCH A
LADYBUG...
OR A ROLY-
POLY!

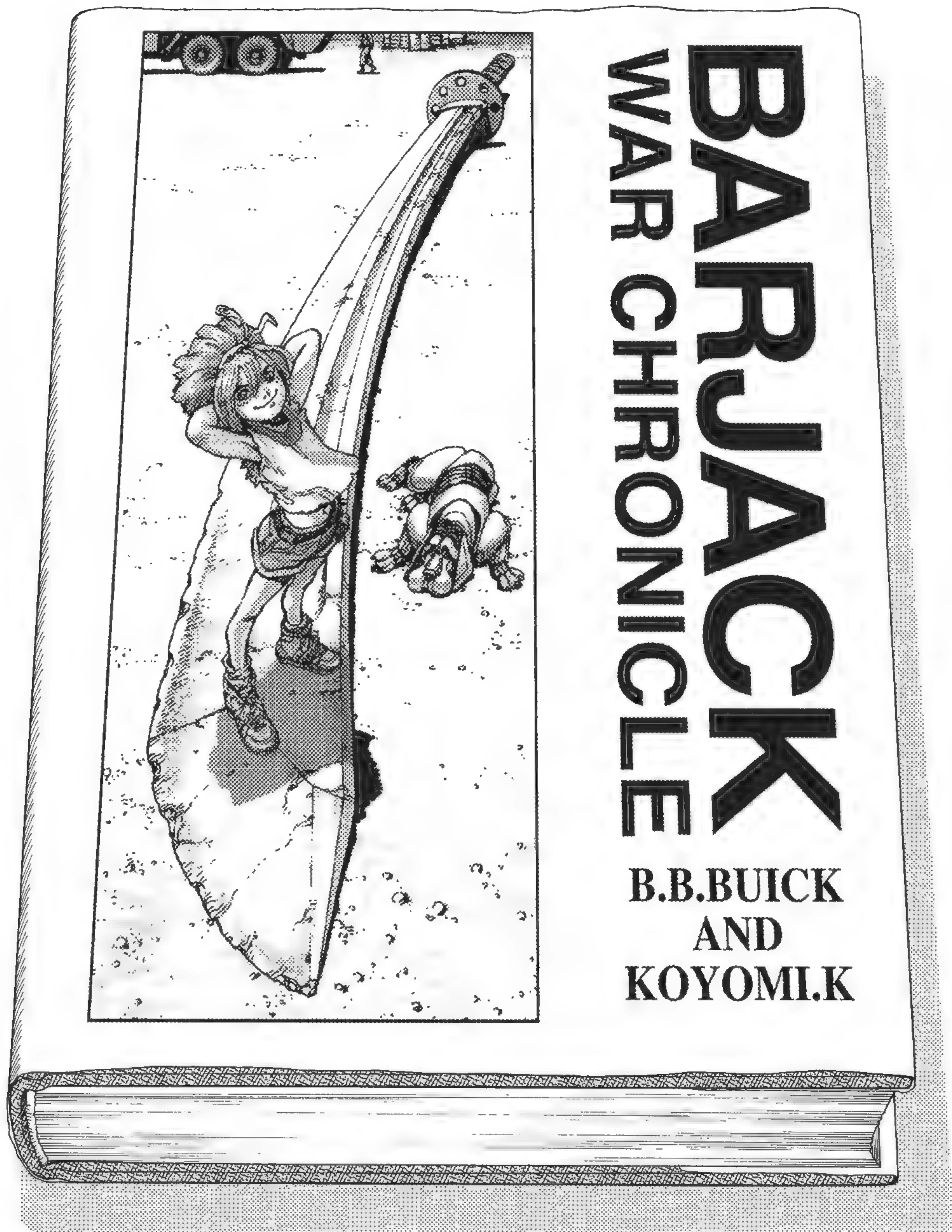


HYA
HYA!

THERE IS
NOTHING
TO BE
ACCOM-
PLISHED IF
WE FEAR
STUPIDITY
AND
FAILURE.

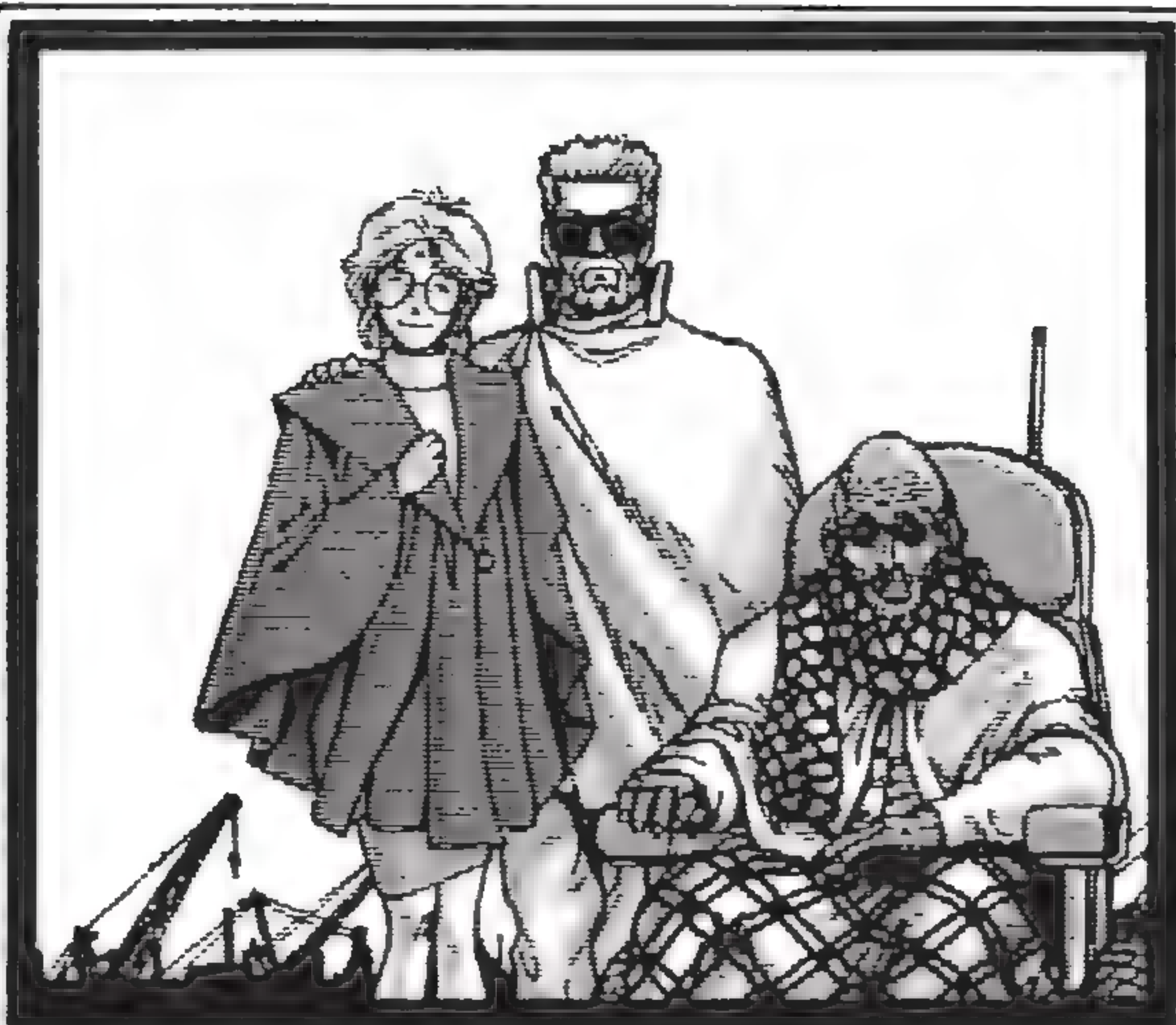


ANOTHER FIGHT Epitaph

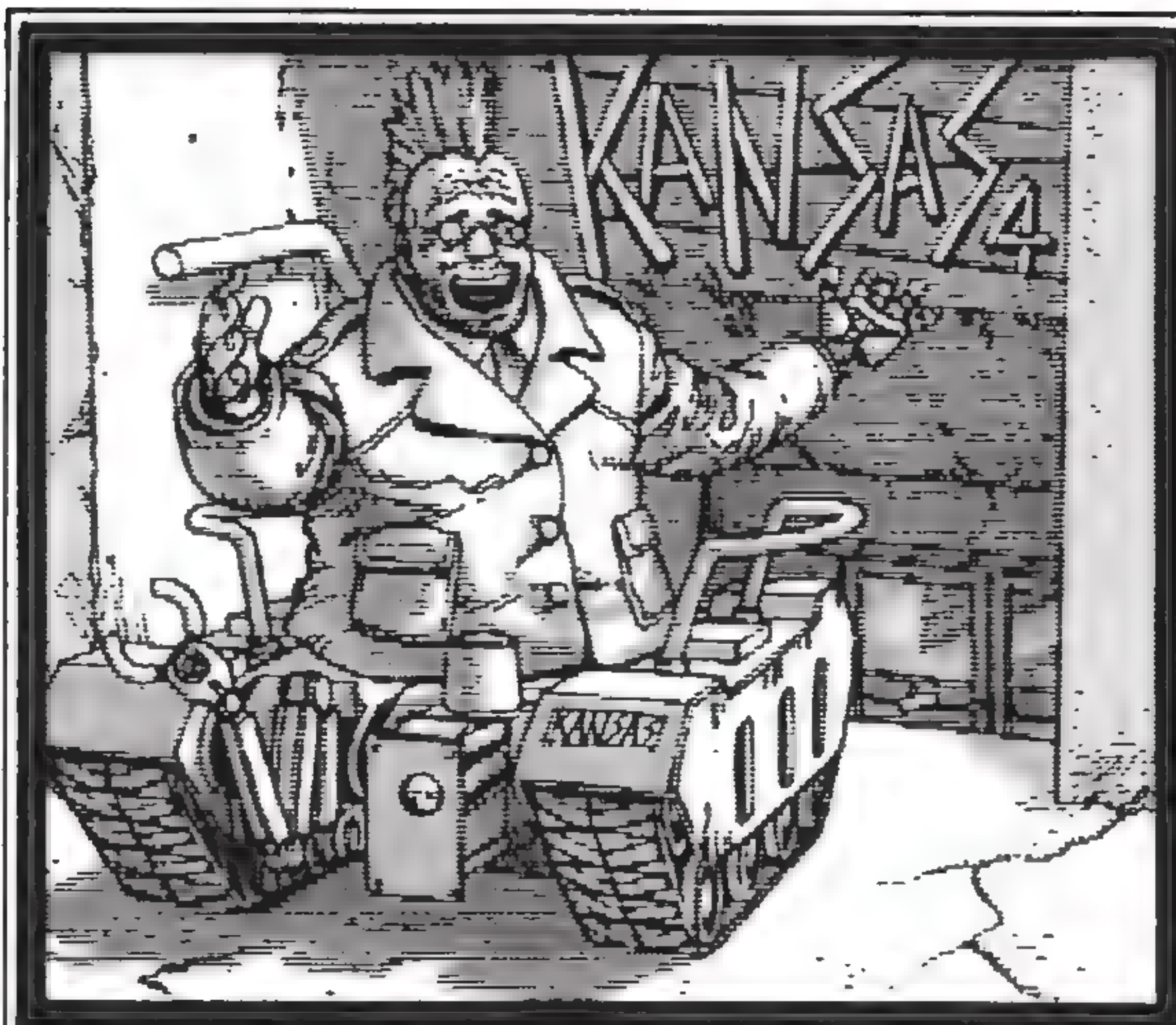


BARJACK CHRONICLE Photos by: Buick Edited by: Koyomi

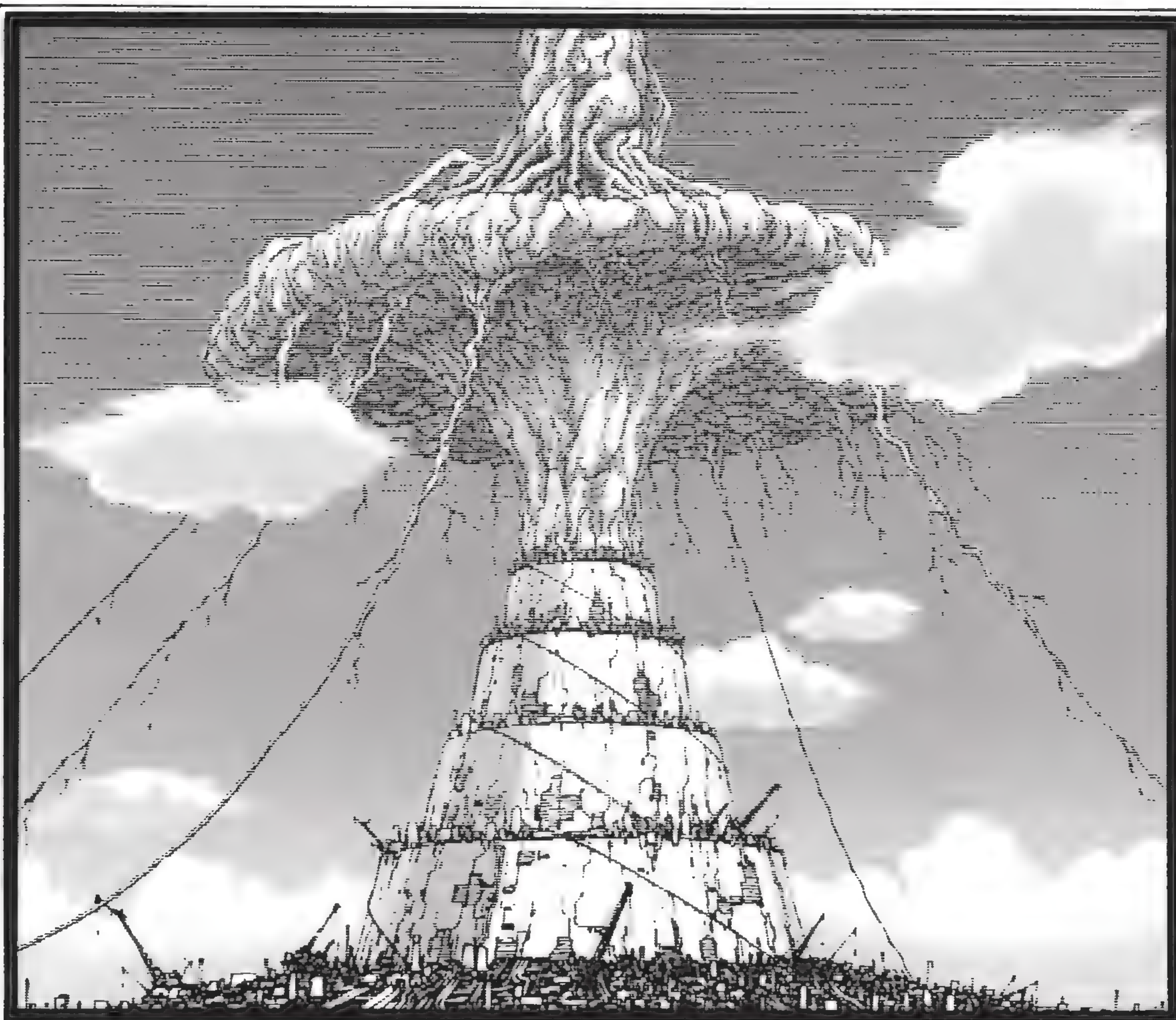
This photography collection, published when Koyomi was fifteen years old, became an unprecedented bestseller in the Scrapyard. (The book includes a series of audio recordings, including interviews with Den and others.)



The Factory ground to a halt, and the ensuing chaos in the Scrapyard was only calmed through the efforts of two heroes: Kaos and Vector. Lou's lifelong dream came true, and she married Kaos.



Thanks to the royalties from Barjack Chronicle, Koyomi's foster father was able to build his fourth attempt at the "Kansas" bar. It seems that it's actually working out this time.



The completed Tower of Zalem. After a five-year research period, Koyomi will be putting out her own photo collection Tower of the Sky next month (preorders available), containing various anecdotes about its construction.

FIVE YEARS LATER

Koyomi: 18 yrs old
Freelance Photographer

MY NEXT PROJECT
IS A HISTORY OF THE
FORGOTTEN LATE
HEROINE, ALITA!!
(I'M NOT A FAN OF
WRITING, THOUGH.)

ALL RIGHT,
PEOPLE! GET
YOUR ASSES
IN GEAR, OR
GET LEFT IN
THE DUST!!

OOH!
SO
THIS IS
JERU,
HUH?!

CLICK

CLICK

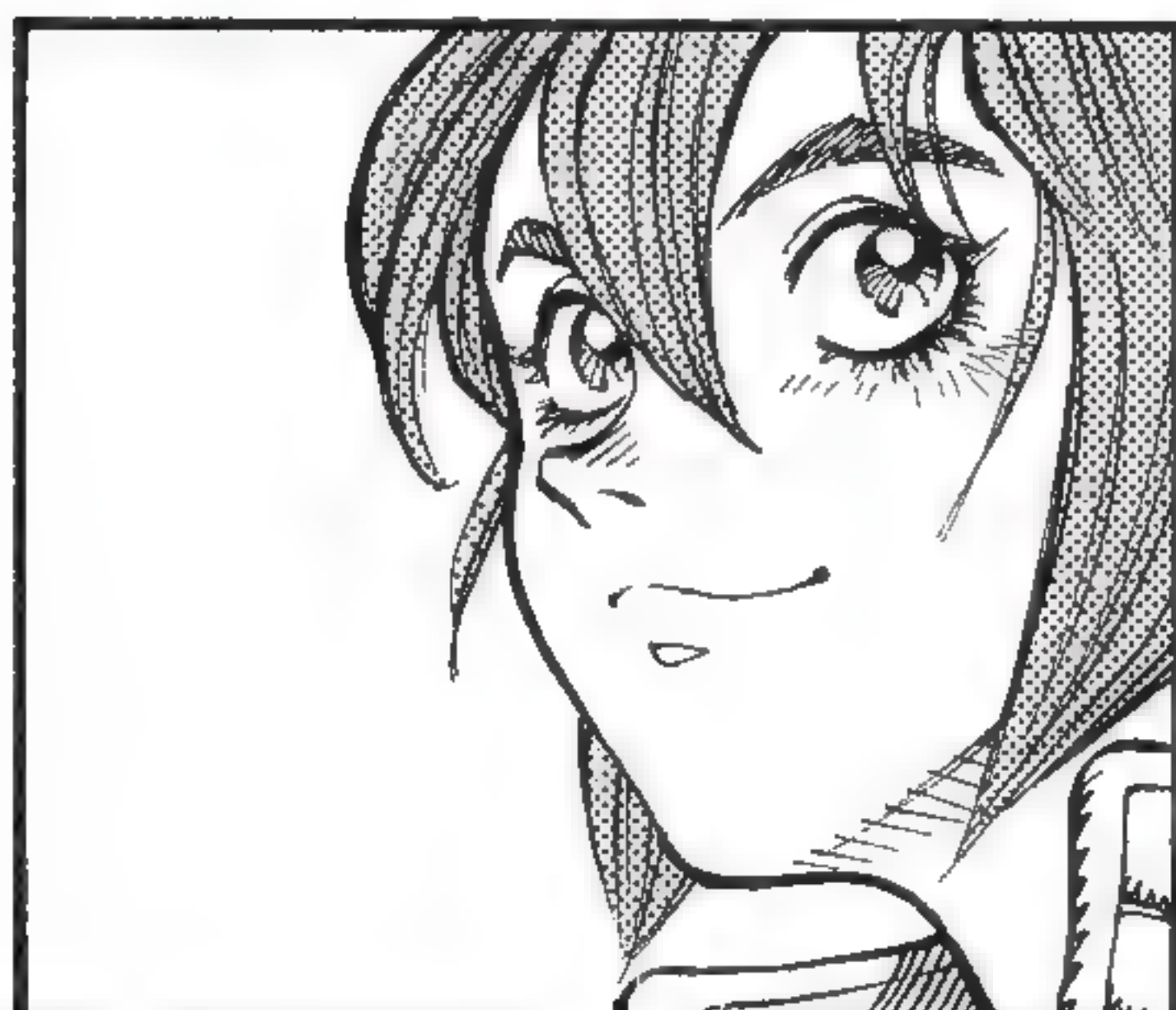
TALK
ABOUT
EMPLOYEE
ABUSE...

YES,
MA'AM!



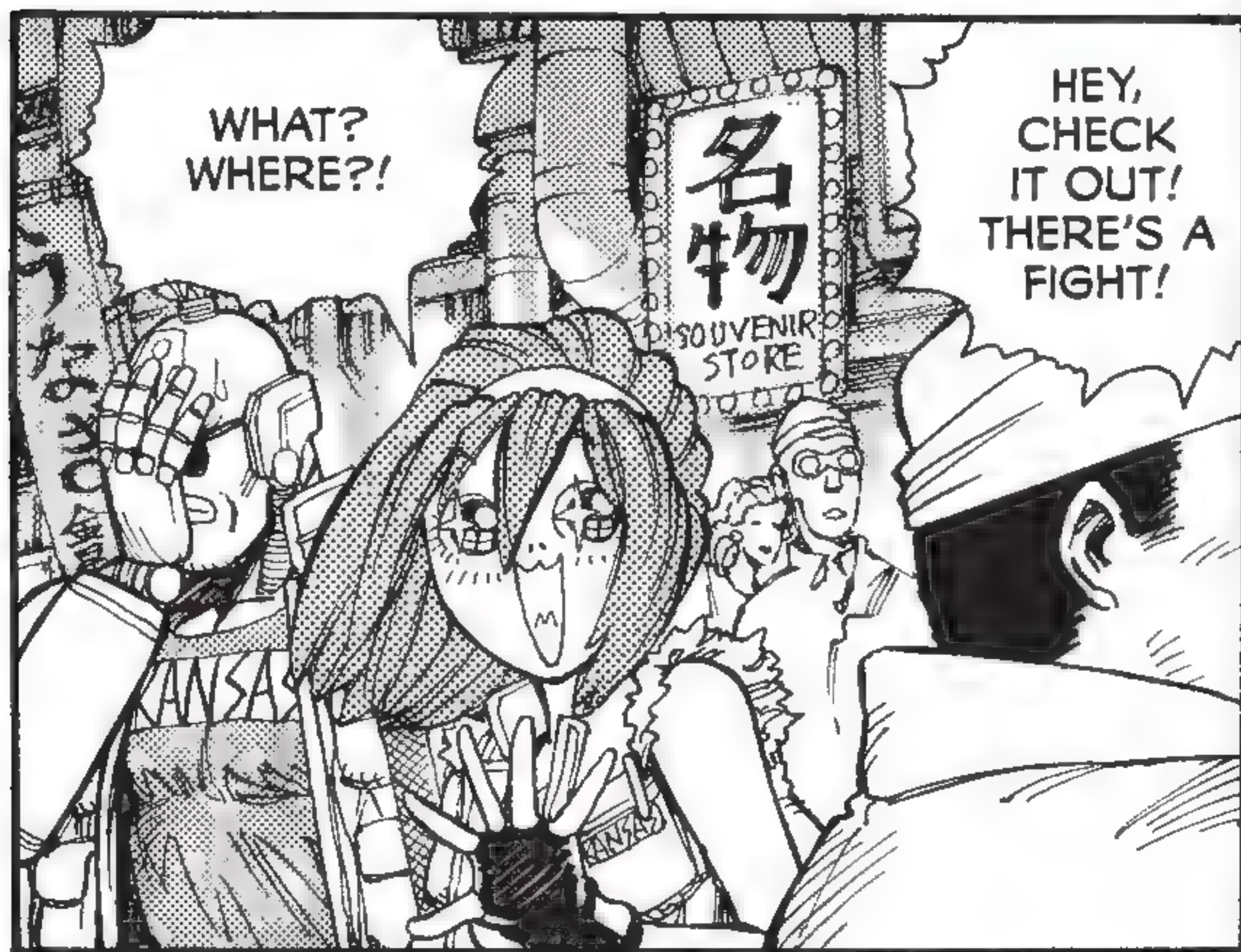
YOU
THINK SO?
I LIKE THE
LIVELY
ATMOSPHERE.
♥

IT'S
FUNNY...
DOESN'T
SEEM LIKE
WE'RE
ACTUALLY
IN SPACE,
Y'KNOW?



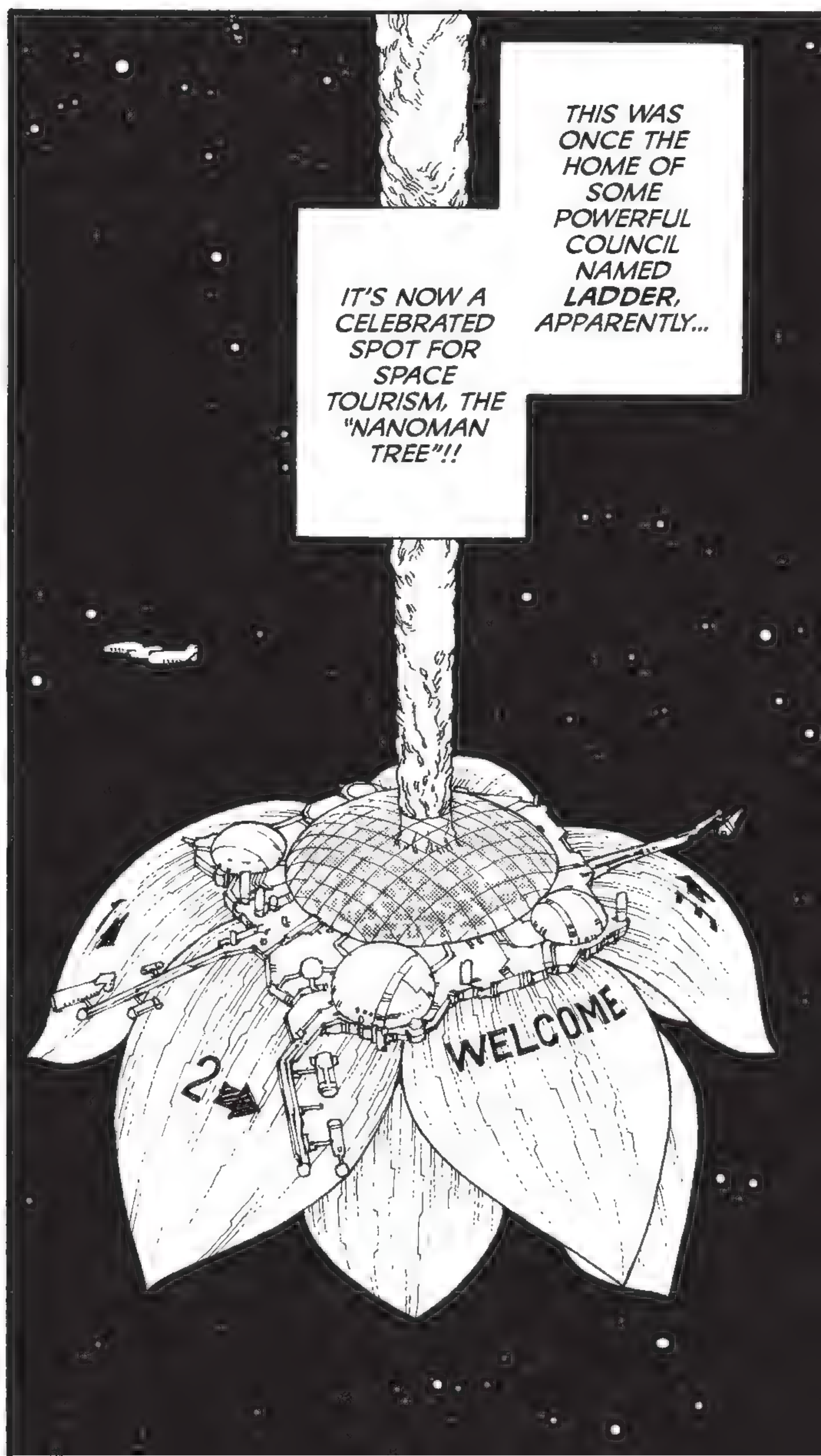
I'M HERE
FOLLOWING UP
SOME EYE-
WITNESS
REPORTS OF
A PERSON
RESEMBLING
DESTY NOVA.

APPARENTLY HE
WENT INSANE
(SOME SAY HE
ALWAYS WAS)
BUT THERE'S NO
DOUBT THAT
SOME STATE-
MENTS FROM
HIM WILL BE
INVALUABLE TO
MY REPORT.



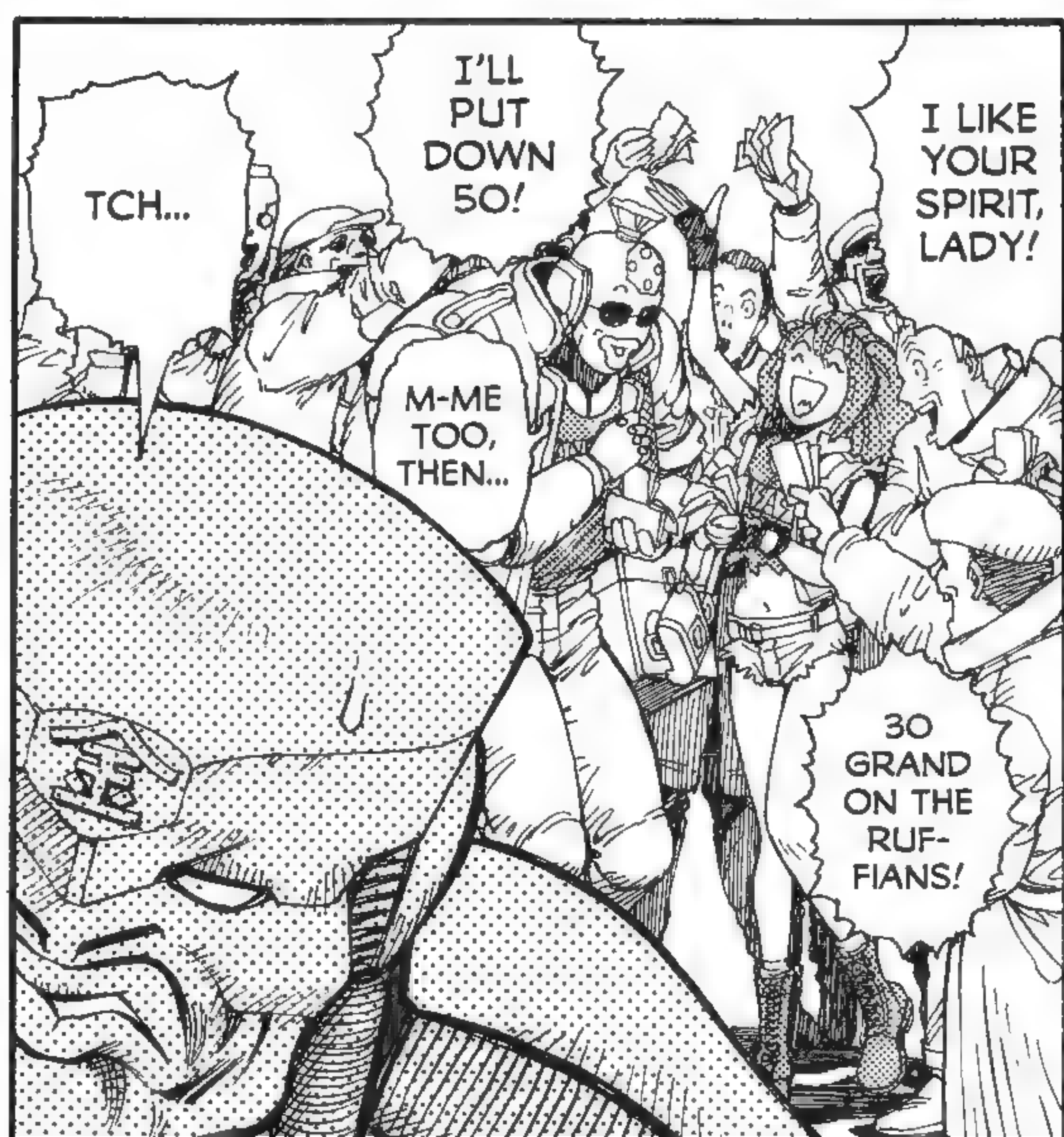
WHAT?
WHERE?!

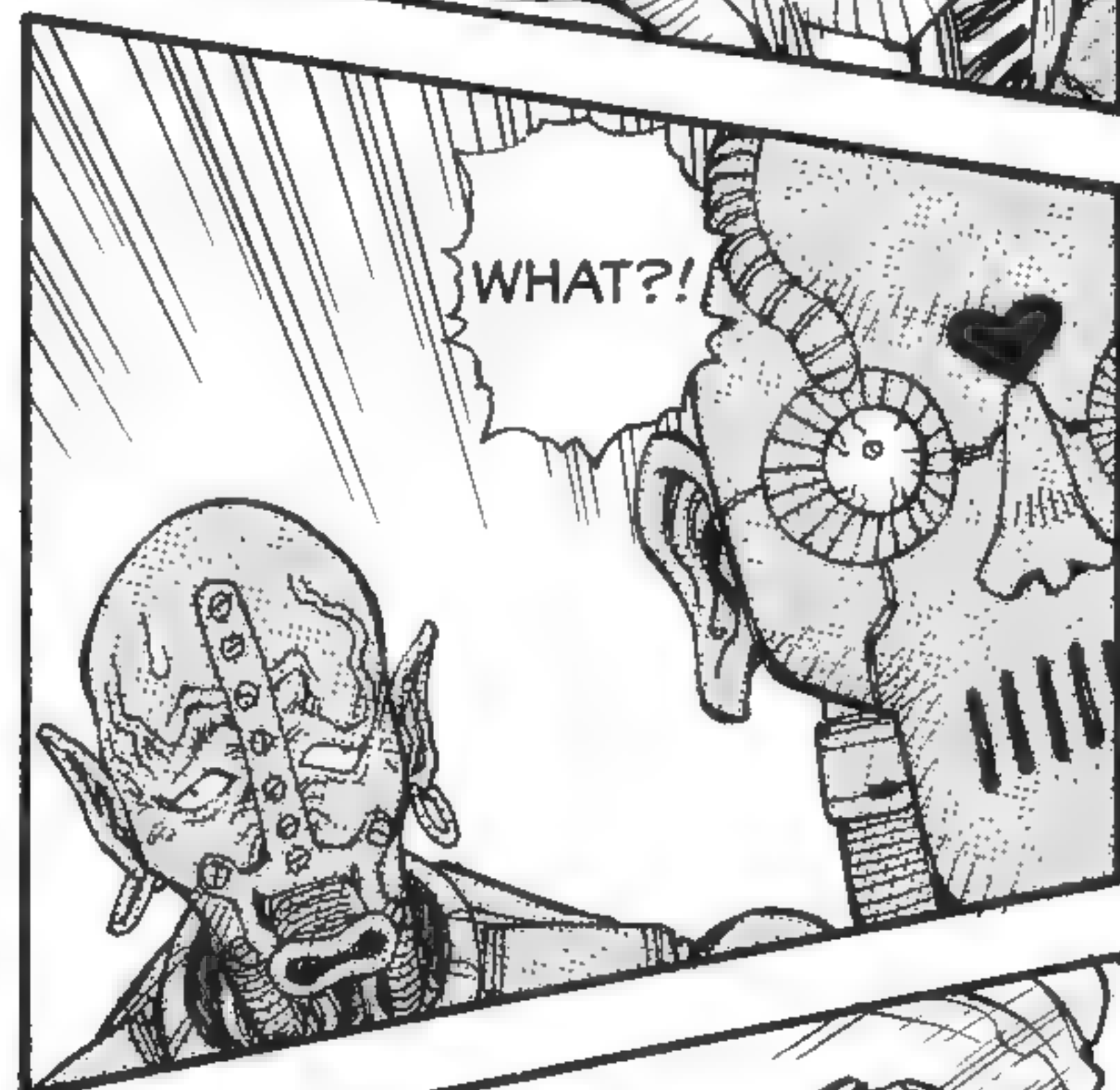
HEY,
CHECK
IT OUT!
THERE'S A
FIGHT!



THIS WAS
ONCE THE
HOME OF
SOME
POWERFUL
COUNCIL
NAMED
LADDER,
APPARENTLY...

IT'S NOW A
CELEBRATED
SPOT FOR
SPACE
TOURISM, THE
"NANOMAN
TREE"!!







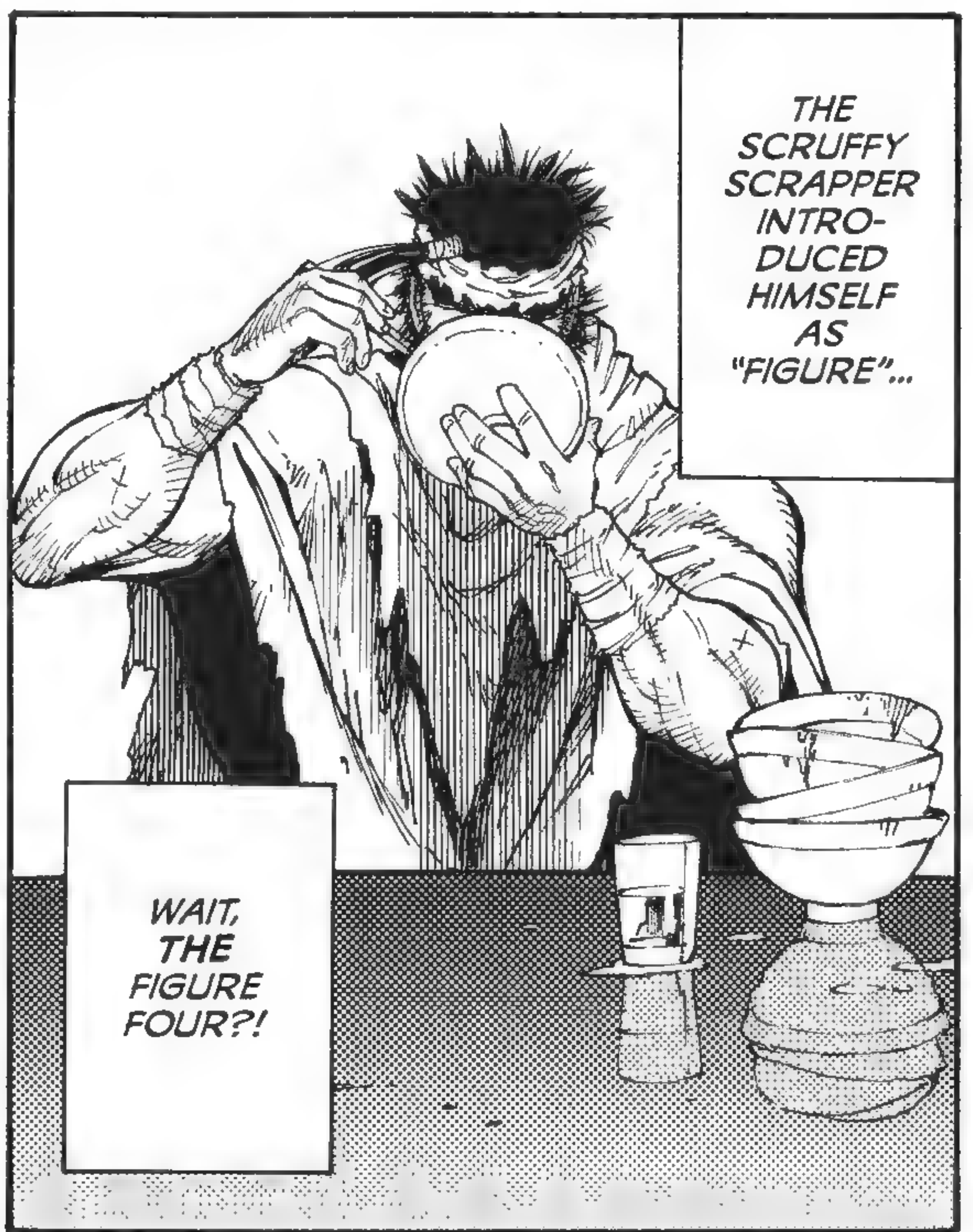


I'VE SEEN MY SHARE OF BRAWLS BEFORE, AND I'VE NEVER SEEN A GUY INCAPACITATE THE COMPETITION SO HANDILY!!



WHAT A STROKE OF LUCK! IT'S THE MAN LOU SAID WAS THE LATE ALITA'S LOVER!!

I TOLD HIM THAT I WAS COLLECTING INFORMATION TO TELL HER LIFE STORY, AND ASKED IF HE WOULD AGREE TO AN INTERVIEW.



THE SCRUFFY SCRAPPER INTRODUCED HIMSELF AS "FIGURE"...

WAIT, THE FIGURE FOUR?!



**ALITA
IS NOT
DEAD!!!**



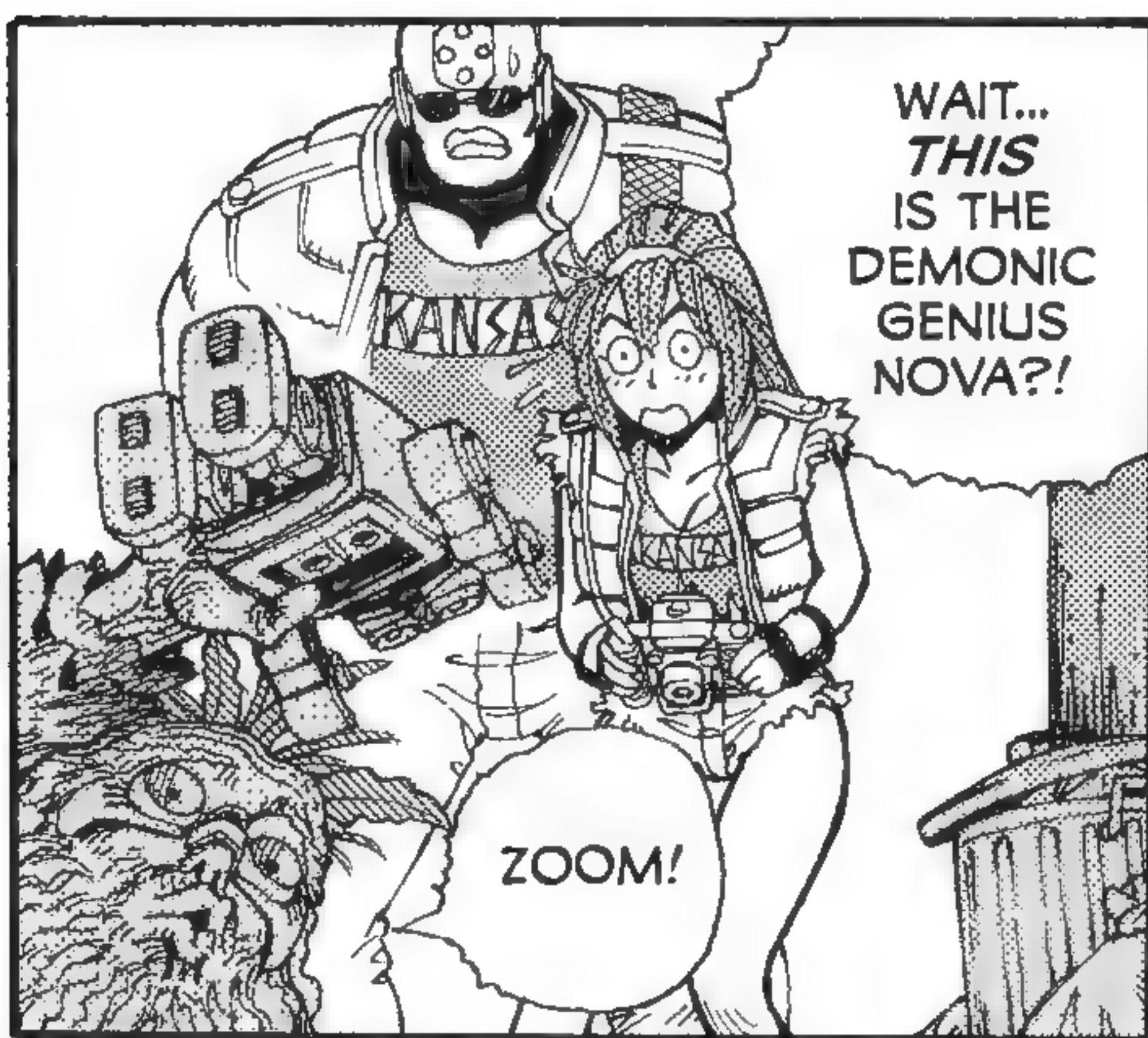
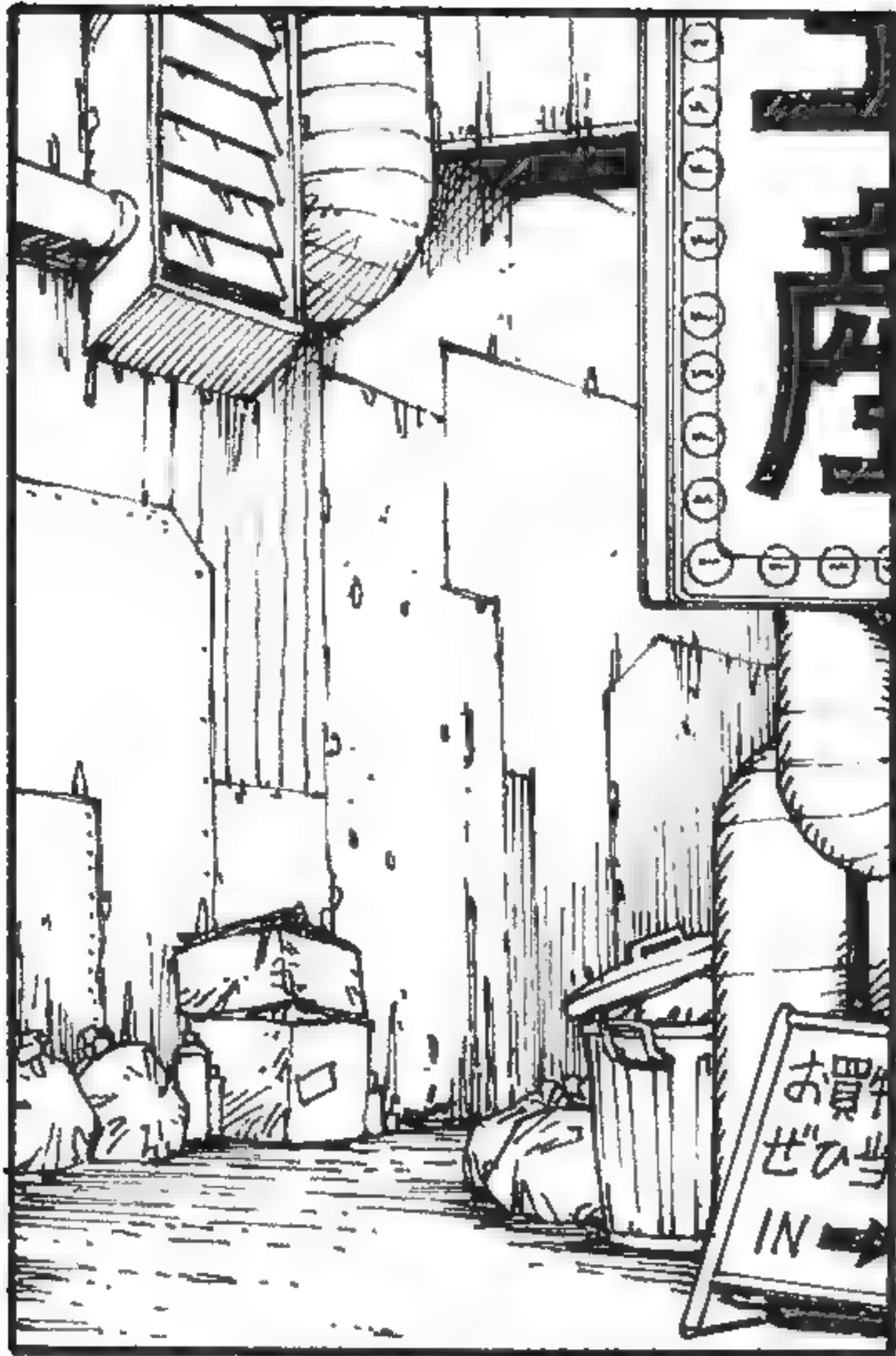
YIKES!

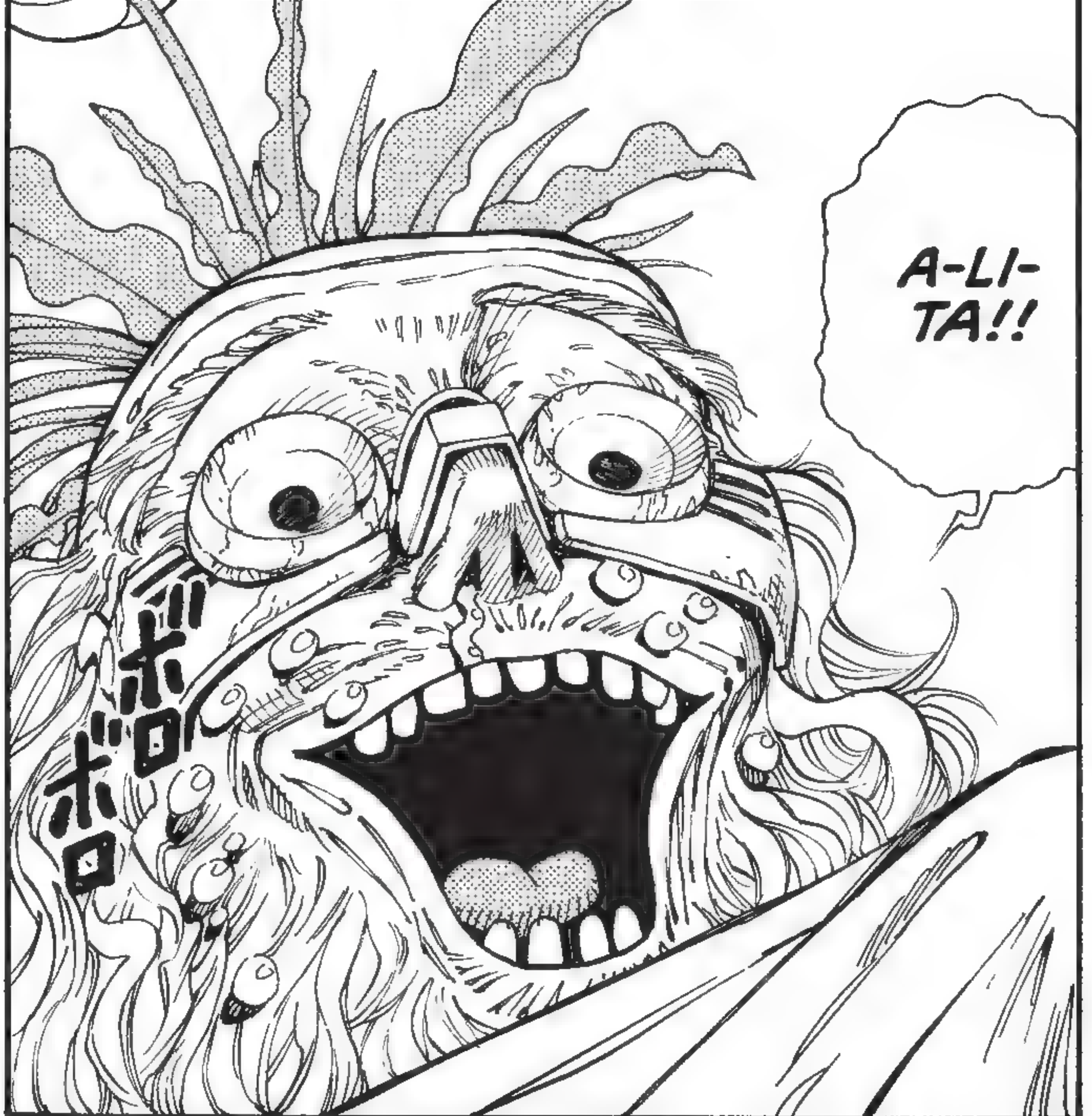


AND
THAT MEANS
SHE'S ALIVE
OUT THERE
SOME-
WHERE!!
END OF
STORY!!

SHE
PROMISED
ME THAT
SHE'D
RETURN!!

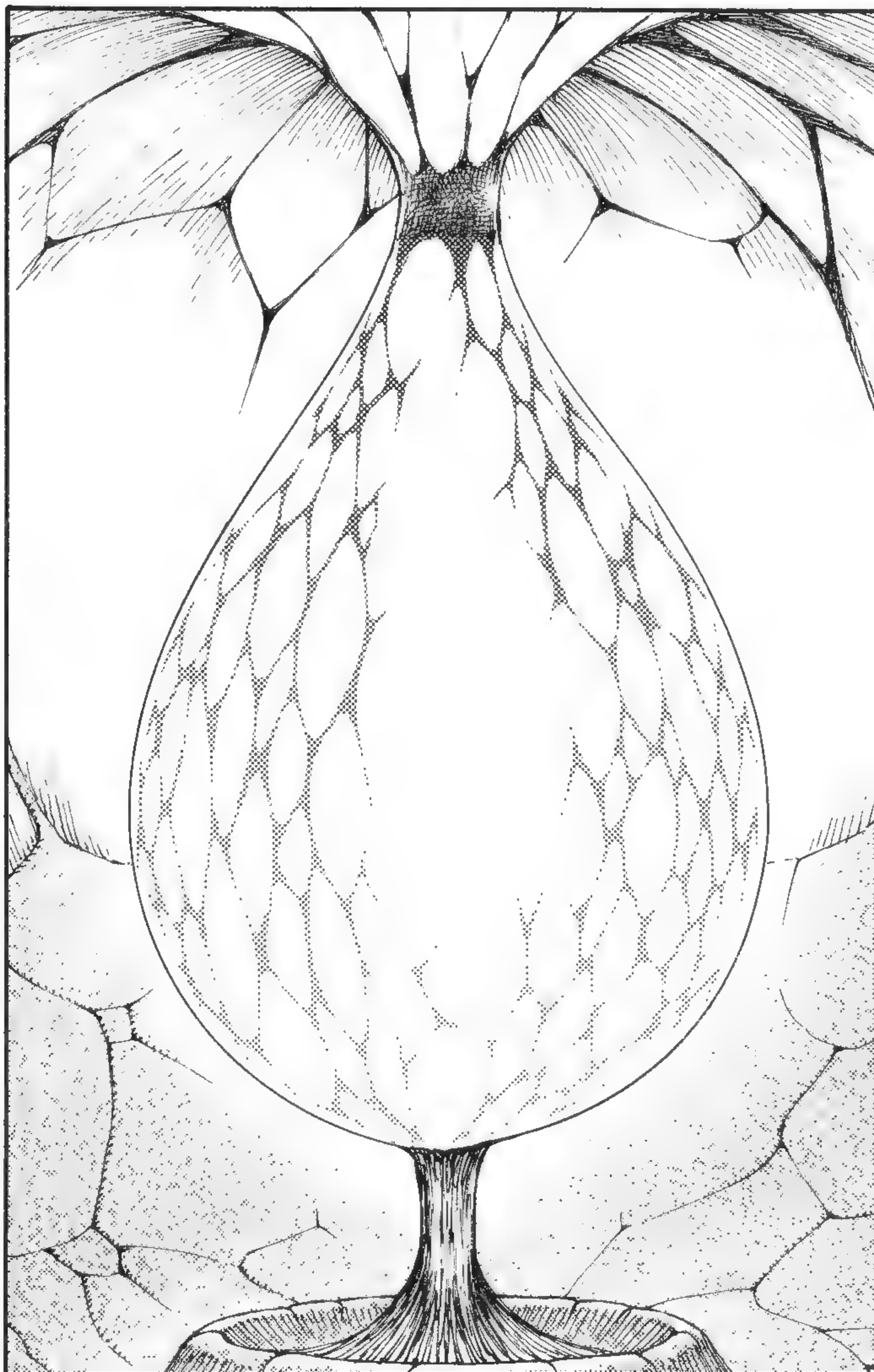
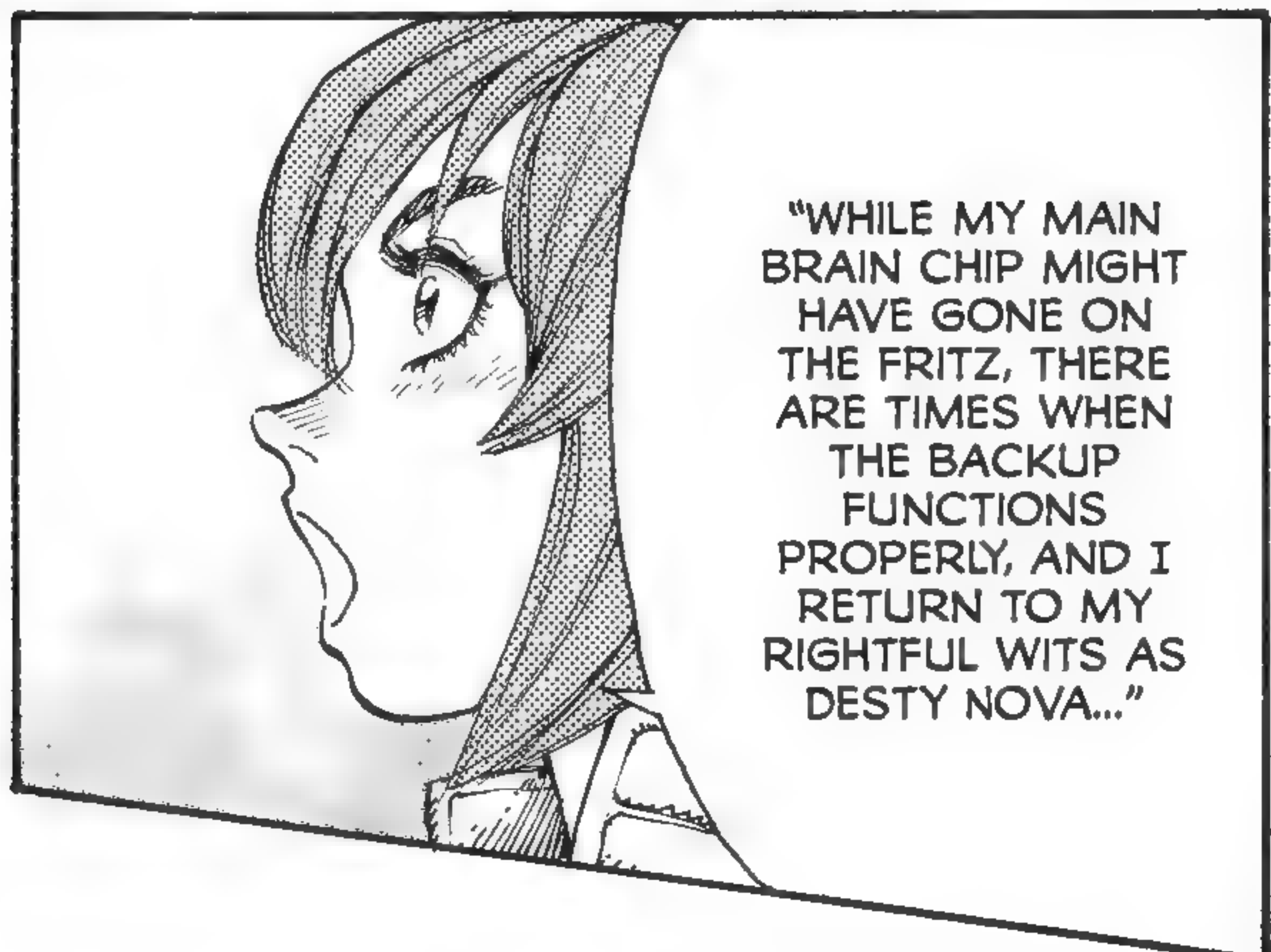
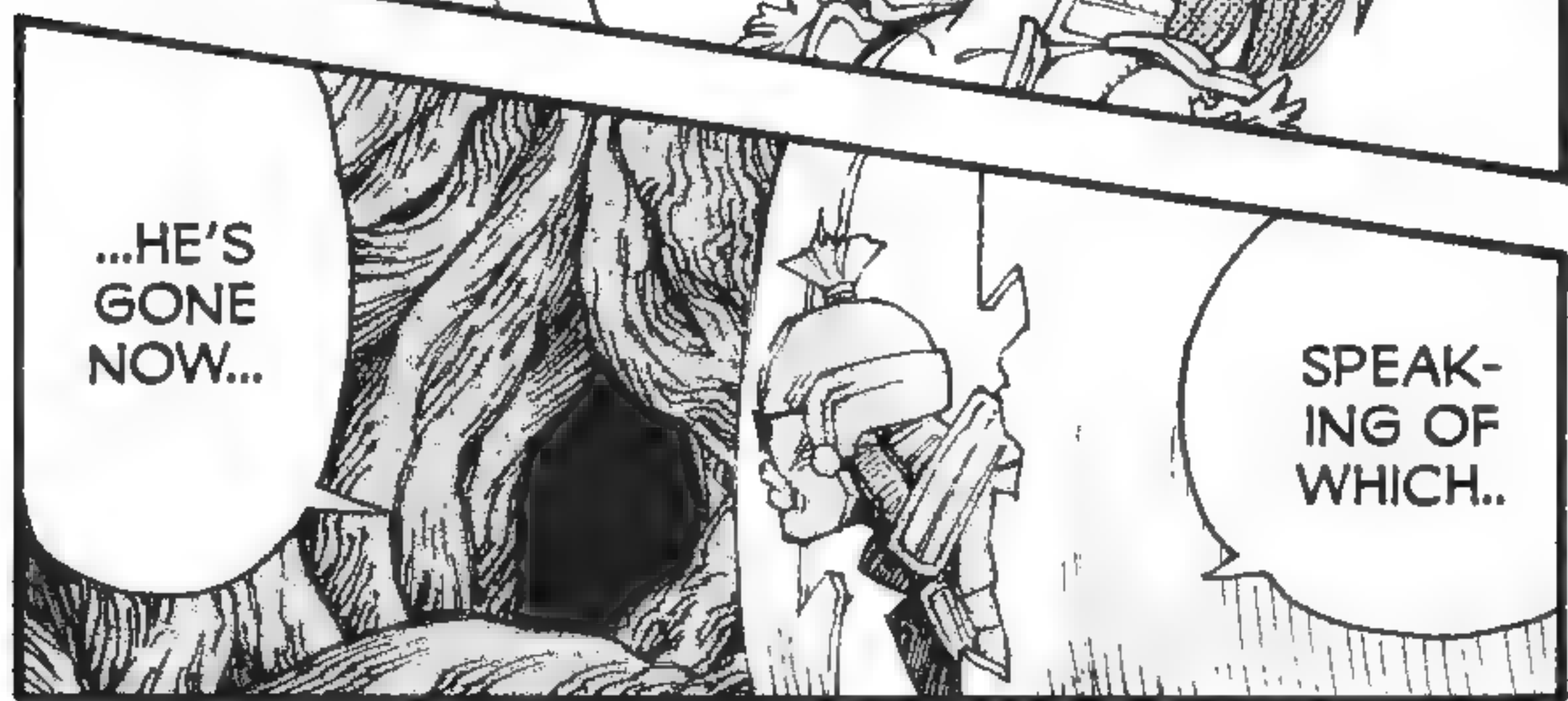
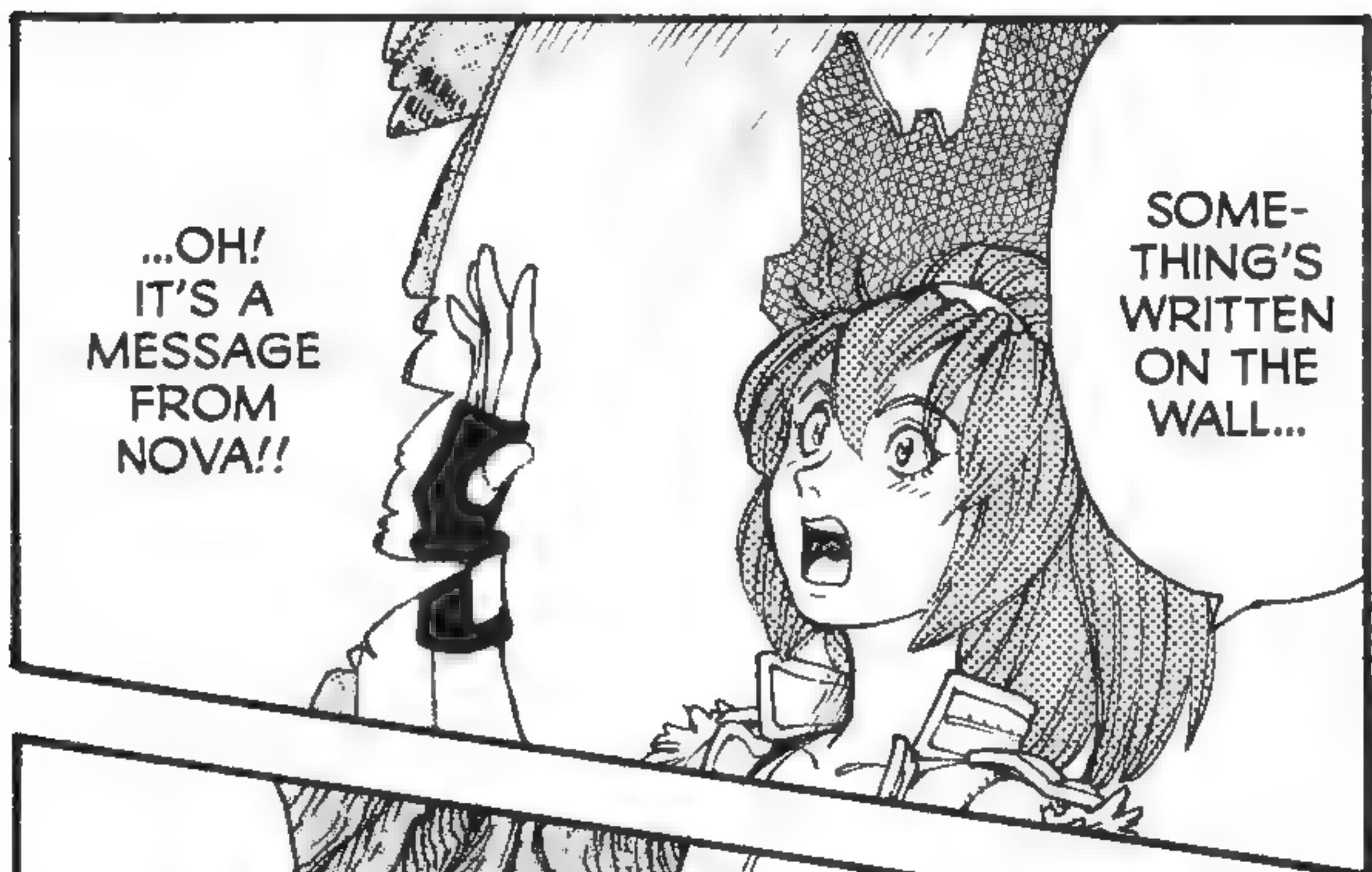
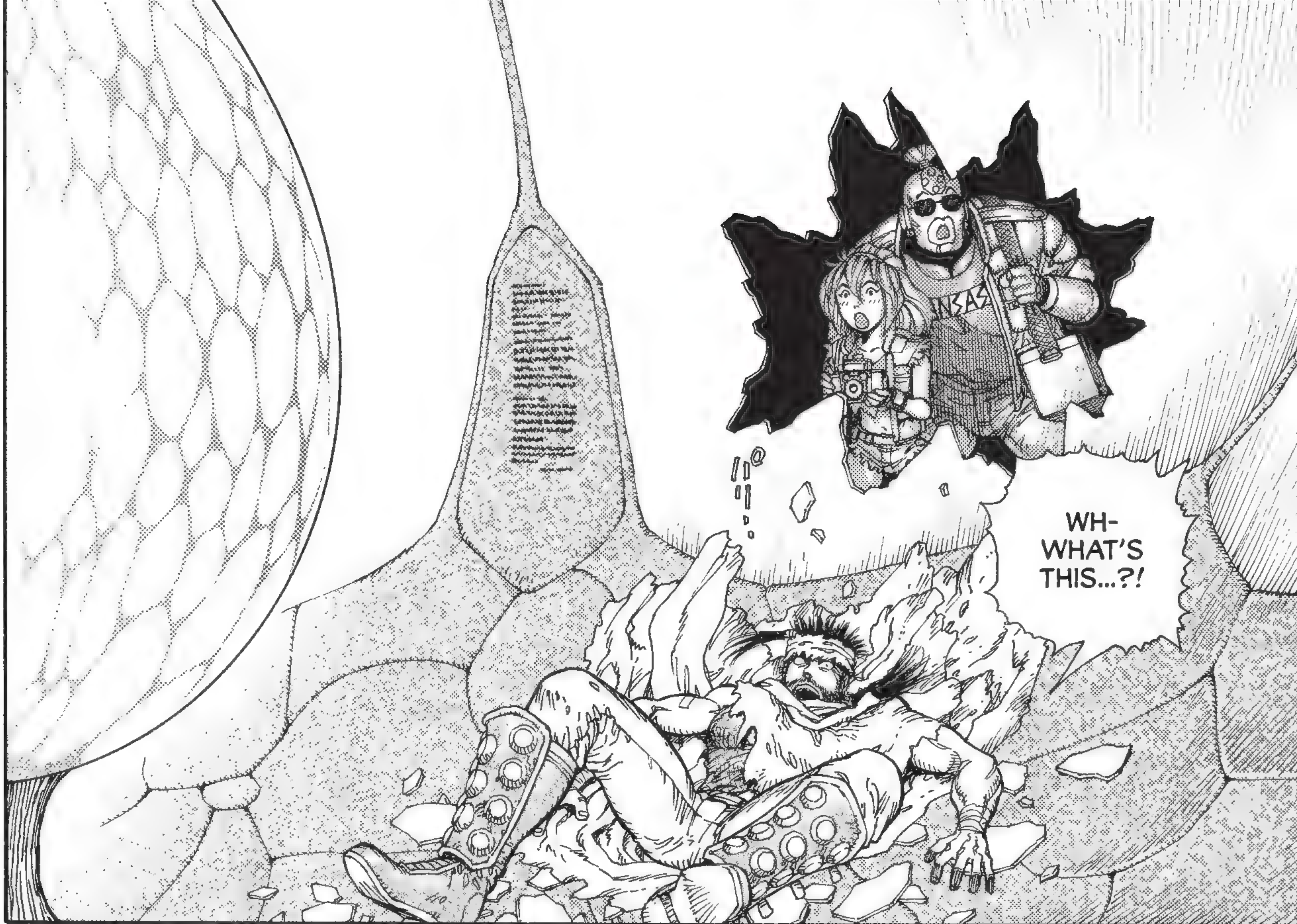






WELL,
WE CAN'T
JUST
IGNORE
HIM...





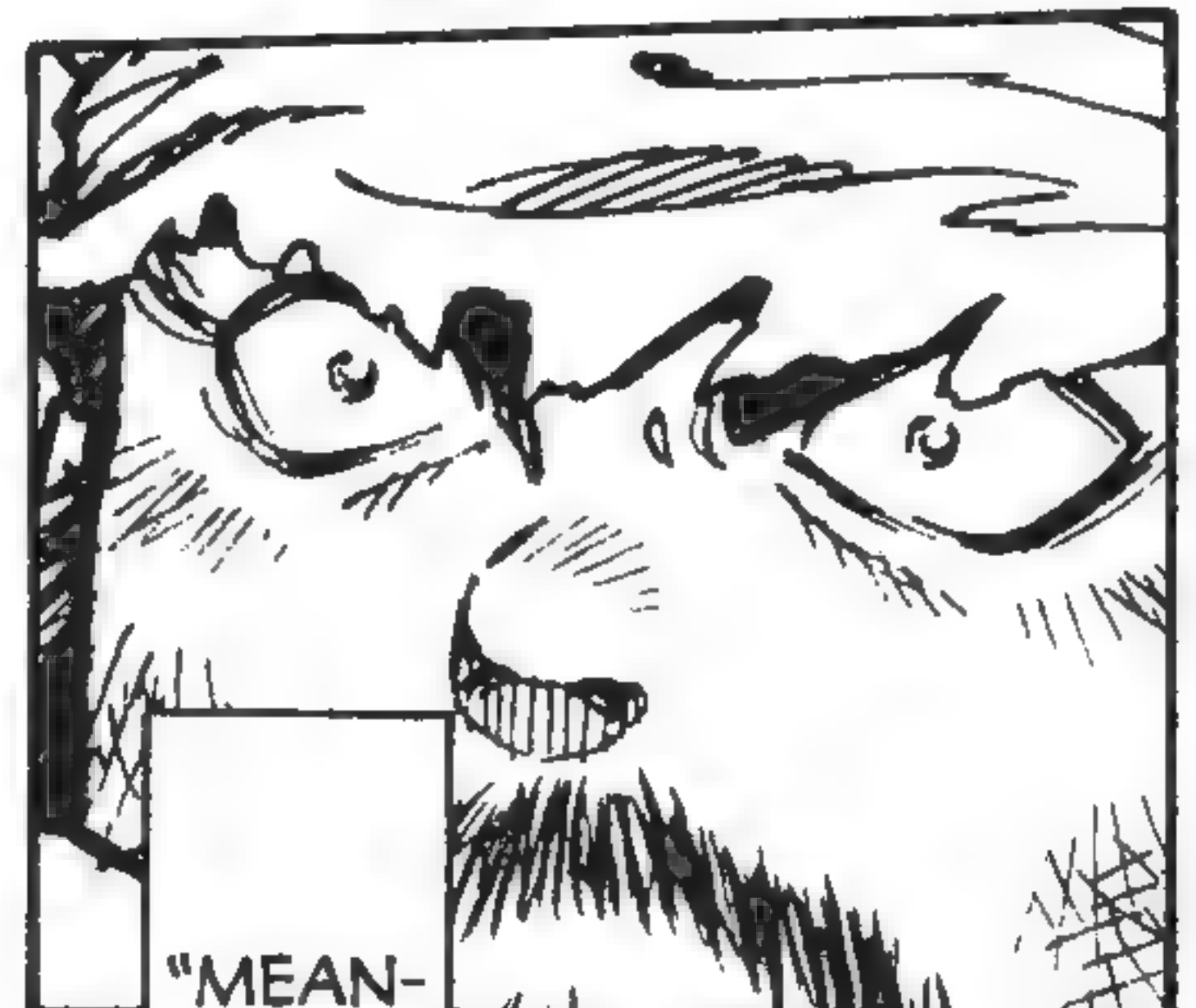
"THE TREE IS MADE UP OF NANO-MACHINE CELLS THAT FORM A TOTALLY HARMONIC METABOLIC SYSTEM, WHILE PRESERVING THE ORGANISM'S HARDY CARBON NANOTUBE* STRUCTURE."



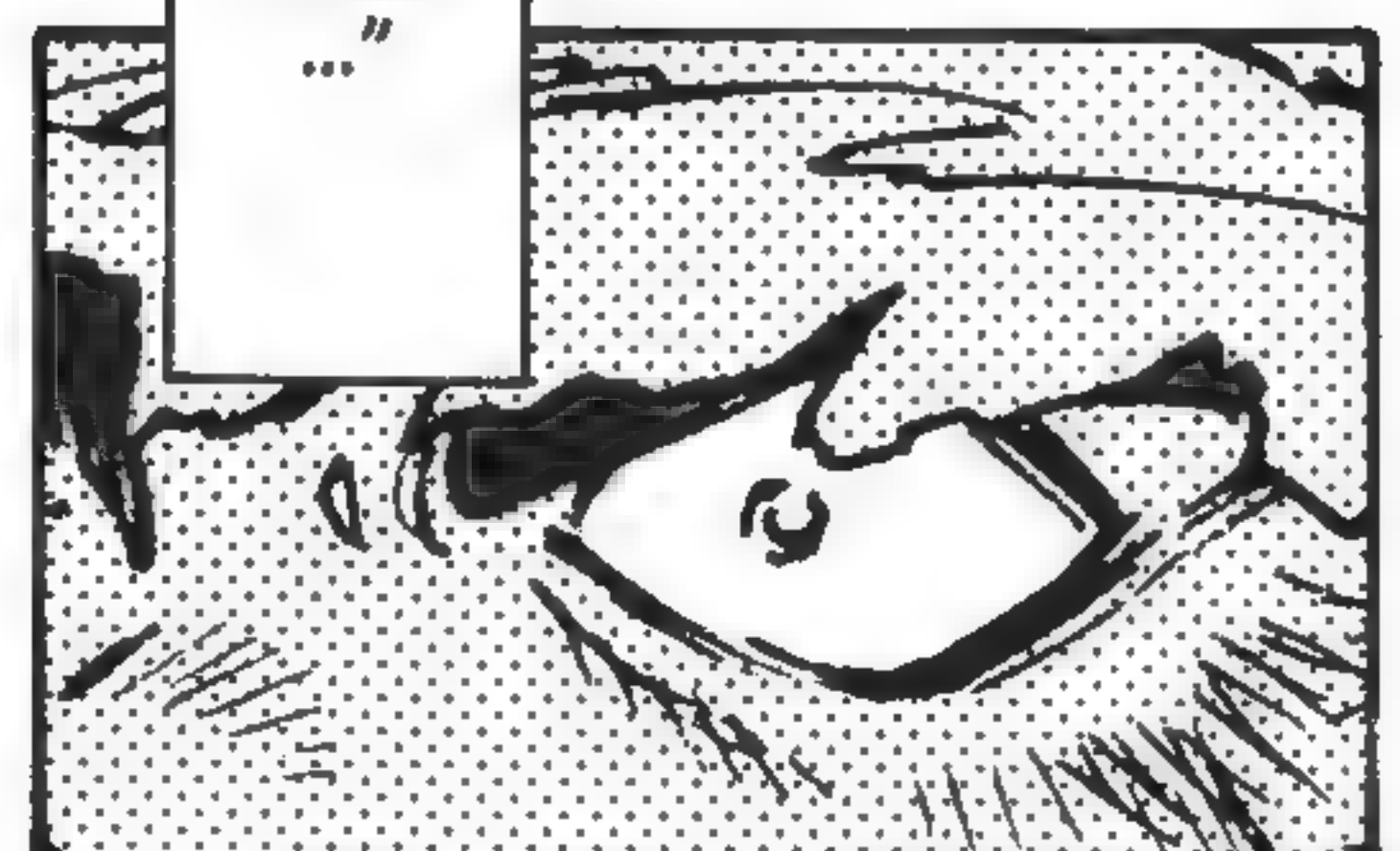
"DURING THOSE BRIEF INTERVALS, I HAVE UNDERTAKEN AN ANALYSIS OF THE NANOMAN TREE'S STRUCTURE."

"HOWEVER, FURTHER STUDY IS REQUIRED TO DISCOVER WHY AND HOW THIS STRUCTURE WAS INSTANTLY GENERATED AT ITS BIRTH."

"I CANNOT HELP BUT FEEL THAT THIS MIGHT BE THE BREAKTHROUGH I'VE ALWAYS SOUGHT IN MY LIFELONG STUDY OF KARMA."



"MEAN-
WHILE
..."



*Carbon nanotube: A molecular structure of carbon atoms forming a hollow tube. It is structurally perfect and complete, making it very resistant to heat and mechanically rigid.



"...I
DISCOVERED THAT
THE NANOMACHINE
CELLS ACTUALLY
CONTAIN
ALITA'S GENETIC
INFORMATION
SPREAD OUT
AMONGST THEIR
NUMBER."

"WITH A BIT
OF NANO-
TWEAKING, IT
SHOULD BE
POSSIBLE TO
RECONSTRUCT
HER."



FIGURE...?

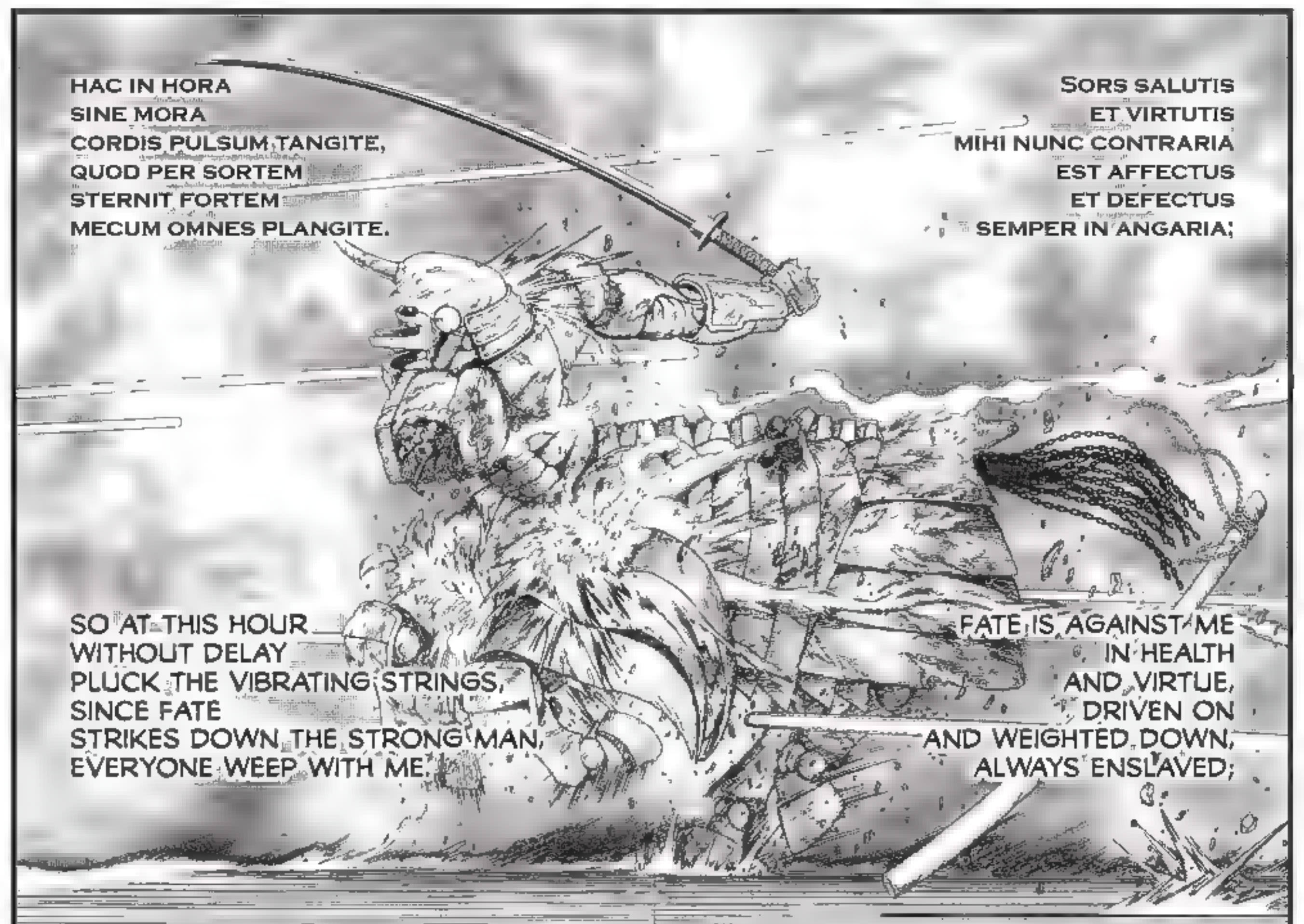


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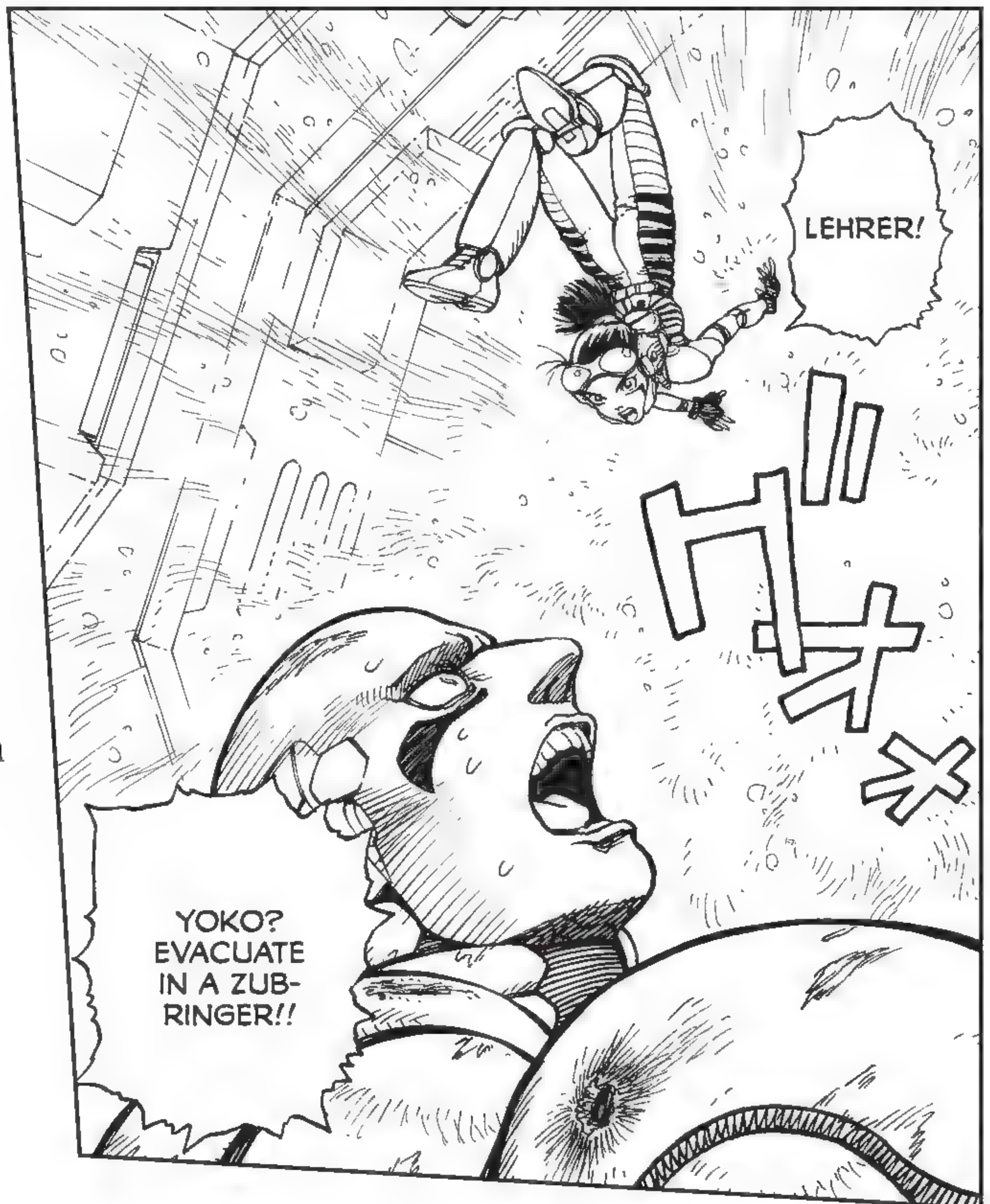
Carmina Burana, page 129

A collection of 12th and 13th century poems, mostly written in Latin. The poems grew in contemporary recognition when Carl Orff put several of them to classical music in 1936. The highly dramatic “O Fortuna,” in particular, is a frequently used piece of background music in modern advertisements, movie trailers, bumpers, etc.



Lehrer, page 163

The Martian culture (beginning with the references to Panzer Kunst) of Battle Angel Alita seems to have developed using the German language as its foundation. The soldiers call the leader here “Lehrer,” which means teacher. They refer to Earth by the word “Blau” or “Blau Stein” in the diagram pictured here, which means “blue rock,” and their home of Mars is “Rot,” or “red.” The word “body” is also called “Körper.” (As these pronunciations are accompanied by the kanji that define their intended meaning to a Japanese reader, many of them are translated into their plain English equivalent in the text for the sake of comprehension.)

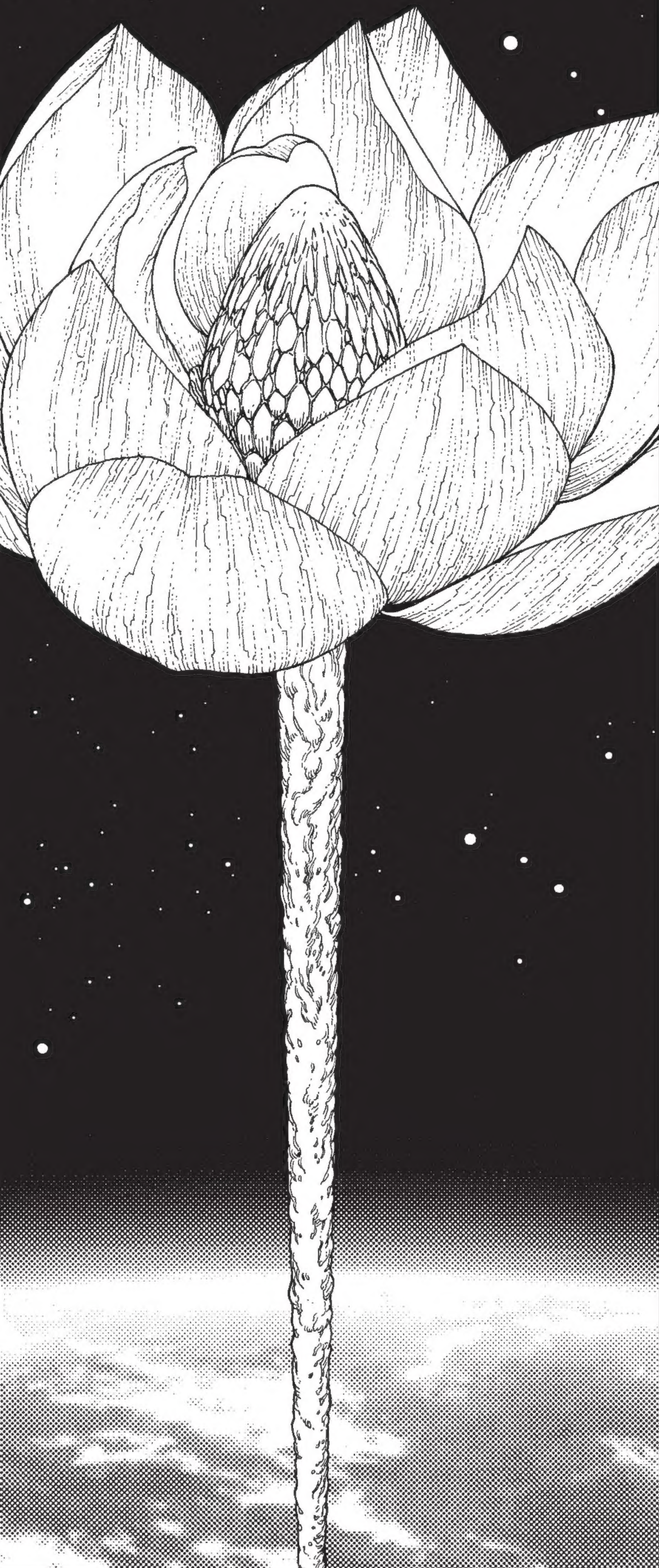


Sound Effects List

29.3	rub (gui)	6.1	grrgg (gogogo)
30.1	shoont (shupo)	7.1	goah (go)
30.2	roll roll (goro goro)	7.2	vmm (bun)
	bing (ton!)	7.3	glurp (gupa)
30.3	hup (ba)	7.4	blurshk (bushaaa)
30.4	kbloosh (doba)	7.6	dash (da)
30.5	fssshh (dodooo)		
		8.1	blam blam blam (don don don)
31.5	skree (kiki)	8.2	crakk (bakin)
		8.3	wham (ban)
32.2	clank clank (kan kan kan)		
		9.5	hmf (gu)
33.1	wham (ban)		
33.2	blub blub (gopo gopo)	10.1	thwam (go)
33.4	blub blub (gopo gopo)	10.2	fmmp (dozaza)
33.6	blub (gopo)	10.3	drip drip (bota bota)
33.7	gshhh (gashuuu)	10.4	krk (mishi)
35.1	fsshh (zazaza)	12.1	whup (ba)
35.7	click (gacha)	12.2	tick (piku)
		12.6	dong (dobo)
36.1	aieeee (hiiii)	12.7	gik gik (piku piku)
	aaaagh (gyaaaa)		
	ruahh (uooo)	13.2	slide (zuzu)
	gyeaaah (geeee)	13.5	wipe (gui)
37.2	rattl rattl (gachi gachi gachi)	14.3	vmmmm (vuiiin)
37.3	tug (gui)	14.4	vmmm (vuiii)
38.1	blamm (don)	15.1	bsshk (bichi bichi)
38.3	blam blam blam blam (dodododododo)	15.2	bluush (bushuuu)
38.4	rip rip rip (buchi buchi buchi)	15.6	grrmg (gagagagaga)
39.4	splish (pasha)	18.2	shiver (buru buru buru)
		18.3	tap tap (gu gu)
40.1	splash (pasha)	18.5	gasp (ha)
41.1	shhh (suuu)	20.2	dash (dadada)
41.2	fwhip (pa)	20.3	kshak clunk (gara gara)
41.4	gzzt (ga)	20.4	shreee (kyuun)
	blam blam (don don)	20.5	gyrrng (gya gya gya)
41.5	bzap bzap (bashi bashi)		
		21.1	splot (bocha)
42.2	clank (kan)		
42.3	bssht (bishi)	22.2	thud thud thud thud (dodododo)
42.4	pwipp paww (pyuun paan)	22.3	tsst (chuuu)
			fooop (pukuu)
43.3	shh (suu)	22.4	splat (docha)
43.4	sha-king (jakiin)		
		23.1	boom boom boom (don don don don)
44.3	prikkle (piri piri)	23.3	zssshh (zaaaa)
45.1	zwoosh (zuwa)	24.2	hrmp (gaba)
45.2	boom (don)	24.3	swish (sasa)
45.4	gwaash (kyuba)	24.4	bsht (bashi)
		24.5	bsht (bashi)
46.1	pshaa (paa)	24.6	dzzm (doshi)
		24.7	blam blam (don don)
47.1	shudd (doshi)		
47.2	psst (pushi)	25.1	chwang chwang (chuba chuban)
47.3	boom (booon)	25.2	fwup (bakan)
50.1	knk knk knk (kon kan kon kan kon kan)	26.1	grk grk (giri giri)
		26.2	creak (gishi)
51.4	kawham (dogaan)	26.3	bjokk (bokyo)
		26.5	vmp (gun)
54.1	vmm (vun)		
54.4	stomp (dadan)	27.1	whoosh (buwa)
		27.3	dplaak (dopaan)
55.4	grit (giri)		
		28.1	bching (bachin)
56.3	fsssh (saaa)		

99.1	flash (paa)	56.5	zwish (za)	
99.2	fwoom (gooo)			
		59.1	crakk (pakya)	
103.4	click (cha)	59.2	splatt (dochaaa)	
104.2	blam (don)	61.4	vvum (vuun)	
104.3	bsst (basu)			
		63.3	krash (gachan)	
105.1	shud (do)			
105.3	bzzt bzat (baji baji)	64.1	neeur (unii)	
		64.2	Ha ha ha...	
108/109.1	whoooooosh (hyuuuu)			
108/109.2	drsrhh (dodododo)	67.1	glorp (gobu)	
108/109.4	pshoo pshoo pshoo (shuru shuru shuru)	67.4	shlup (zuru)	
		67.6	shff (zuzu)	
110.1	kwabam (kyubaba)			
110.2	vwoofh (bowa)	69.3	thump (do)	
		69.4	umf umf (yusa yusa)	
111.3	boom (do)			
111.4	ddum ddum (dodo dodo)	70.5	vmm (vun)	
112.3	koff koff (geho geho)	71.2	gronng (gogooon)	
112.5	click (kasha)	71.3	kshk clunk (gara gara)	
112.6	dgrunch (doguwa)			
		73.2	shlek (zaku)	
113.1	ddumm (dodo)			
113.3	sparkle (kira kira)	74.5	stomp (geshi)	
114.1	fwow (bou)	76.2	zzt bzzt (pari pari pari)	
114.3	vumm (gou)			
		77.2	vmmm (vuun)	
116.1	graash (gubaa)			
		79.4	hup (da)	
117.1	blong (buran)	79.5	smaaash (dogaaa)	
122.1	ddum ddum (dodo dodo)	80.1	bzat (bari)	
	wobl wobl (fura fura)	80.2	zztt (bari)	
122.6	gagak gagak (gaga ga ga)	80.4	fum fwoom (bo bou)	
123.2	ratl ratl (gata gata)	81.3	ting (kin)	
123.5	bink (gui)			
		82.2	bzzt bzat (bachi bachi)	
124.1	zwoosh (zuoooo)	82.3	pkak (papa)	
125.1	tssst (jojooo)	83.2	kboom (doka)	
125.3	pip (fu)			
125.7	grunch (gusha)	86.3	fidget (moji)	
125.8	blurp (gobo)	86.5	Aaa!	
126.1	ddum (dodo)	87.3	flinch (bikuu)	
126.4	gshakk (doka)	87.6	gling (kirari)	
127.1	doom doom (do do do)	92.1	kshaa (kuwa)	
		92.2	boom (doon)	
130.6	umf (gyu...)		whoosh (buwa)	
		92.3	rmmbb (gogo)	
131.1	rahhh (waa)			
		93.1	doom doom (doon doon)	
132.1	tik tak (para para)	93.7	grrmmm (gogo gogo)	
	grrmmb (gogogo)			
132.2	zmm (zun)	94.2	dmmshh (dodododo)	
133.1	whoosh (guo)	95.1	fwoom (goo)	
		95.2	gchiing (gakkiiinn)	
134/135.1	gachiing (gakiinnn)	95.3	gathwam (goggaan)	
136.1	bwaaang (biin)	96.1	fmm (goo)	
136.2	hrrg (gugu)	96.2	boom boom boom (don don don don)	
137.1	crak (pishi)	97.1	zdumm (zuzunn)	
137.2	krnch (baka)	97.2	zdum (zuzu)	
137.3	grsh shunk (gara gara)			
	ddumm (dodon)	tsk plink (para para)	97.3	zdmm (zuun)

180.4	plik plik (bara bara)	137.4	ooohh (oo...)
181.2	drip drip (pota pota)	140.1	bzzat (bachii)
181.4	drshh (dodon)	140.2	b-bmp (dokun)
182.1	fshhh (zaaa)	141.1	gonk gonk gonk (gon gon gon)
182.3	splash (basha)		fshh pshh (shu shuu)
		141.2	zzrrmmmd (zuzuzuzu)
183.4	tup (tan)	141.4	kadoom (dooon)
183.5	tut (to)		
		142.1	grrgg (gogogo)
184.1	zzmmm (zuzuzu)	142.5	kshuf (gasa)
184.2	dzzshh (dozaaa)		
184.3	krsh krsh (zara zara)	143.2	tap tap (katata)
184.4	pshf (gasa)		
		144.3	whap (don)
185.3	gagong (gokon)	144.5	phew (fuuu)
185.4	dwoooosh (dodoooo)		
		145.1	swish (su)
187.3	vmmm (goooo)	145.6	tromp tromp (zoro zoro)
188.8	pchak (paka)	146.1	vrrmm (vuooo...)
		146.2	vrmm (vuon)
189.8	thud (doo)		
		148.2	wham (ban)
191.2	flinch (biku)		skrrr (gagaga)
192.2	ack (gyo)	149.1	thwudud (dozaza)
		149.2	thmp (do)
194.1	gshak (doga)	149.3	dut dut dut dut (doru doru doru doru)
		149.4	dut dut dut (doru doru doru)
196.1	boom (don)		
196.3	wub wub wub (yuru yuru yuru)	150.2	dut dut dut (doru doru doru)
		150.3	dut dut dut dut (doru doru doru doru)
197.1	slip (tsuru)	150.5	dut dut dut (doru doru doru)
197.2	hup hup hup (bababa)		
197.5	vmm (gun)	151.3	fwup (gaba)
197.6	fwunk (zubo)		
197.7	pap (pa)	152.2	plop plak (bara bara)
197.8	pap pap pap pap (pa pa pa pa pa pa)	152.3	tshk tak (koro koro)
		152.4	dut dut dut (doru doru doru)
199.1	gwoosh (guwa)		
	booom (doon)	153.5	kweeee (kiiin)
199.4	fshh (shuu)		
		164.3	shunk (ga)
200.5	crak (paka)	164.4	gik gik (biku biku)
200.6	murmur (zawa)	164.8	snap (ka)
201.6	rahh (wa)	165.4	gasp (ha)
201.8	boom (dogo)		
		166.1	shunk (doga)
203.2	gagunk (gogon)	166.5	booom (doon)
203.3	grrgg (gogogo)	166.6	bmm (go)
203.4	grrmm (gogogo)		
		167.1	vwooo (guoo)
204/205.1	zdumm (zuun)	167.2	grrmm (gogogo)
		167.3	bam (ban)
207.2	arrgh (ukii)	167.4	bshoom (bashu)
		167.5	glurb (buryu)
210.7	fwup (ba)	167.6	poonch (pochu)
211.1	bip bip bip bip (pi pi pi pi pi pi)	168.2	pwaa (pa)
214.3	grrgg (gogogo)	169.3	grin (nii)
214.4	grrggg (gogogo)		
	pop (paan)	170.4	tak tak (ka ka)
		170.5	Hello there...
215.2	zrrdd (zuzuzu)		
		179.2	whew (hooo)
216.1	bfoom (bo)	179.5	grnkg krang grunch gakk (gagagaga garya gari)
216.2	dadooom (dodooon)		
		180.1	bakamm (bagaaan)
217.5	grrrgg (gogogogo)	180.3	bgruk (guba)



218.3	grrmm (gogogo)
	boom (booon)
218.4	thwamm (doka)
219.1	zddmm (zuzuzu)
219.2	boom (bon)
219.3	gboosh (goba)
219.4	wobl wobl (gura gura)
219.5	roll (goron)
	crak crak (baki baki)
220.1	zrrmmm (zuzuzun)
226.1	thump (dosa)
226.4	fsshhh (zaaan)
227.4	boom (dooon)
228.1	zwoosh (kyun)
228.2	krsh kthud (gara gara)
228.3	rattl rattl (gaku gaku)
229.5	grrmm (gogogo)
236.1	vwoosh (uwa)
245.3	slurrrp (zuzu)
245.5	fwup (ba)
246.1	grunch (gon)
246.2	slup (kakun)
246.4	whoosh (buo)
246.5	crakk (pakaan)
247.2	zhuk (zakun)
247.4	bash (don)
248.3	Shucks...
249.1	grahh (kuwa)
249.2	crakk (bakii)
249.5	umm... (taji)
250.6	yank (gui)
251.1	drip drip (boro boro)
251.2	sloop (suru)
251.3	fwoop (basa)
251.7	krunch (bari)
253.6	grak (ga)
253.7	rrip (bari)
252.1	crakk (pari)
254.1	zwoosh (zabaaa)

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